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THE
SYNOD OF NEW YORK

A. D. 1891.

THE SYNOD OF NEW YORK met, agreeably to appointment, in the First Church in the City of Watertown, on Tuesday, the 20th day of October, A. D. 1891, at half-past seven o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. ANDREW V. V. RAYMOND, D. D., of the Presbytery of Albany, on John 1 : 4 : " In him was life ; and the life was the light of men."

After the sermon, the Synod was organized with prayer by the Moderator.

The roll was called and the following Ministers and Ruling Elders were found to be present, as duly appointed delegates from the Presbyteries :

THE ROLL OF THE SYNOD.

I. PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY.

Ministers.

James N. Crocker, D. D.,
Charles H. Baldwin, D. D.,
Alfonso R. Olney,
Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.
Walter Laidlaw (2).
William H. Decker.
Munroe Drew.

Ruling Elders.

Hon. Horace E. Smith.
T. Romeyn Bunn.
James Rodgers.

II. PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON.

Ministers.

A. Cameron McKenzie (3),
Smith Ordway.

Ruling Elders.

Franklin Edgerton (2).

III. PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON.

Milton Waldo, D. D.,
E. Wilmot Cumings.

Oliver O. Jones.

IV. PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN.

Donald McLaren, D. D.,
Wilbur F. Wood,
Harlan G. Mendenhall (2),
Louis Wolferz (2).
Frederick W. Cutler (2).

Joseph A. Burr.
Verranus Morse, M. D.
Robert Gillies.

V. PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO.

T. Ralston Smith, D. D.,
Henry Ward (2),
John McMaster.
Albert W. Allen.
Lansing Van Schoonhoven.
Courtenay H. Fenn.

John Otto.
James W. Bixby.

VI. PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA.

Asa S. Fiske,
Clarence H. Beebe,
Erastus W. Twichell,
Francis R. Wade.

William H. Van Sickle.
Charles P. Mosher.
Levi T. Hamilton.

VII. PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN.

John F. Humphreys.

Henry W. Derby.
S. Harvey Churchill.

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG.

Isaac Jennings, D. D.,
Hiram H. Kellogg,

Henry M. Hillerman (2).
George W. Bodle (2).

Ministers.

Bryce K. Douglas,
James C. Russell.

Ruling Elders.

Seneca T. Ham.

IX. PRESBYTERY OF CHILE.

X. PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA.

Edward Stratton,
Daniel I. Morrison (2).

Lucius W. Layman.

XI. PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE.

Hiram W. Congdon,
James A. Anderson,

C. Herbert Foster.
Charles E. Loomis (2).
William R. Halbert.

XII. PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA.

J. Jermain Porter, D. D.,
N. Beall Remick, D. D.,
J. Wilford Jacks,
Lee H. Richardson.

Seymour Horton.
John V. R. Clark.
Solomon E. Smith.

XIII. PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON.

Otto R. W. Klosé,

Hon. Augustus Denniston (2).

XIV. PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND.

William H. Littell,
Clarence H. Wilson,
William H. Roberts.

William H. Youngs.
Edward L. Gerard (2).

XV. PRESBYTERY OF LYONS.

A. Parke Burgess, D. D., (3).
William H. Bates.
Matthew Gaffney.

XVI. PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU.

Alexander G. Russell (2),
J. Howard Hobbs (2),
Charles Rutherford.
Jacob E. Mallman.

Ephraim B. Carpenter (2).
Francis Plain.

XVII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK.

Ministers.

Charles L. Thompson, D. D., (2),
 James S. Ramsay, D. D.,
 William T. Carr (3),
 George Alexander, D. D., (2),
 George L. Spining, D. D.,
 James Chambers, D. D., (2),
 Jesse F. Forbes,
 Wilton M. Smith, D. D.,
 A. Woodruff Halsey (2),
 John T. Wilds (2),

Ruling Elders.

Peter Carter.
 John C. Tucker.
 William R. Worrall (2).
 Henry R. Elliott (2).
 Robert Beggs.
 James Bayles.
 William Wade (2).
 Samuel Q. Brown (2).
 Frederick Blume (2).
 Sidney Whittemore.

XVIII. PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA.

Edward Hunting Rudd,
 Edgar P. Salmon,

B. Wheaton Clark.
 Robert Anderson.
 George H. Sickels.

XIX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS.

XX. PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER.

James Wyckoff,
 Frederick B. Savage, D. D., (2),

Nathan Williams.
 Alfred B. Smith (2).

XXI. PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH.

XXII. PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO.

Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph. D.,
 James Otis Denniston (2).
 Joseph H. Ralston.

Eleazar R. Fuller.

XXIII. PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER.

Levi Parsons, D. D.,
 Benjamin F. Willoughby,
 Corliss B. Gardner,
 John H. Williams,
 George V. Reichel,

Darius L. Coville.
 Louis Chapin.
 Gerritt S. Casey.
 Franklin S. Stebbins.
 Seth J. Arnold (2).

Ministers.

Louis F. Ruf,
Frank E. Bancroft.

Ruling Elders.

Frank H. Clement.

XXIV. PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE.

L. Merrill Miller, D. D.,
James Robertson,
George O. Phelps,
William F. Skinner.

John A. Vance.
Hon. Calvin T. Hulburd.
David K. Storie.

XXV. PRESBYTERY OF SIAM.

XXVI. PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN.

Marcus N. Preston,
Edward M. Deems.
Duncan Cameron (2).

Sebastian G. Lewis.

XXVII. PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE.

Cyrus P. Osborne,
Alfred E. Myers,
Charles F. Janes,
Edward H. Adriance (2).
Charles H. Walker.

John E. Myer.
Israel Parsons, M. D.
Arvin Rice.

XXVIII. PRESBYTERY OF TROY.

William M. Johnson, D. D., (2),
Albert S. Mays,
William Fraser (2),

Alexander M. Sherman (2).
John H. Smith.
DeWitt C. Halstead.
Edward N. Dauchy.

XXIX. PRESBYTERY OF UTICA.

Wilson B. Parmelee, D. D., (2),
James H. Taylor, D. D.,
Horace H. Allen (2),
Hugh P. McAdam, D. D.,
Theodore F. Jessup,
Charles S. Richardson.
Charles W. Rice (2).

Frederick Oliver.
Seth K. Blair.
Louis T. Sherrill.
Henry Waterbury.
H. Dwight Williams.

XXX. PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER.

Ministers.

Alexander Miller,
 J. Ritchie Smith (2),
 Charles S. Lane (2),
 Arthur Requa,
 J. Hendrik De Vries (2).

Ruling Elders.

Sanford R. Knapp.
 Francis W. Marsh.
 A. Noel Blakeman (2).
 Edward B. Cristy (2).

The Rev. ASA S. FISKE, of the Presbytery of Cayuga, was elected Moderator, and was duly inducted into office.

The Rev. ALEXANDER G. RUSSELL, of the Presbytery of Nassau, and the Rev. LEE H. RICHARDSON, of the Presbytery of Geneva, were chosen Temporary Clerks.

The Committee of Arrangements, through its Chairman, the Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, reported the following recommendations, which were adopted :

1. That the morning sessions begin at nine o'clock, and close at half-past twelve; and that the afternoon sessions begin at half-past two, and close at four.
2. That the devotional services on Wednesday morning be conducted by Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D. D.
3. That the Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D. D., be heard in behalf of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work at twenty minutes to ten A. M.
4. That at four o'clock a conference be held on "Young People and the Church," to be conducted by the Rev. Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.
5. That a popular meeting for Home Missions be held at half-past seven P. M., Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., presiding, and an address to be made by Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.
6. That at nine o'clock on Thursday morning the Lord's Supper be celebrated, the Rev. Asa S. Fiske presiding, assisted by Rev. N. Beall Remick, D. D.
7. That at four o'clock P. M. there be a conference on "Revivals, Evangelists, and the Converting Work of the Holy Spirit," to be conducted by the Rev. Charles H. Baldwin, D. D.
8. That at half-past seven o'clock P. M. a popular meeting for Foreign Missions be held, to be addressed by the Rev. Messrs. George Alexander, D. D., Benjamin Labaree, D. D., and Henry A. Nelson, D. D.

Adjourned until Wednesday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present :

Presbytery of Albany : Minister—Walter Laidlaw.

Binghamton : Elder—Franklin Edgerton.

Brooklyn : Ministers—Harlan G. Mendeuhall, Frederick W. Cutler, Louis Wolferz.

Buffalo : Minister—Henry Ward.

Chemung : Elders—Henry M. Hillerman, George W. Bodle.

Columbia : Minister—Daniel I. Morrison.

Genesee : Elder—Charles E. Loomis.

Hudson : Elder—Augustus Denniston.

Long Island : Elder—Edward L. Gerard.

Nassau : Ministers—Alexander G. Russell, J. Howard Hobbs; Elder—Ephraim B. Carpenter.

New York : Ministers—James Chambers, George Alexander, A. Woodruff Halsey, Charles L. Thompson, John T. Wilds; Elders—William R. Worrall, Henry R. Elliott, William Wade, Samuel Q. Brown, Frederick Blume.

North River : Minister—Frederick B. Savage; Elder—Alfred B. Smith.

Otsego : Minister—James O. Denniston.

Rochester : Elder—Seth J. Arnold.

Steuben : Minister—Duncan Cameron.

Syracuse : Minister—Edward H. Adriance.

Troy : Ministers—William Fraser, William M. Johnson; Elder—Alexander M. Sherman.

Utica : Ministers—Horace H. Allen, Wilson B. Parmelee, Charles W. Rice.

Westchester : Ministers—J. Ritchie Smith, J. Hendrik De Vries, Charles S. Lane; Elders—A. Noel Blakeman, Edward B. Cristy.

The minutes of Tuesday's session were read and approved.

The Rev. Elijah R. Craven, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work.

The Moderator announced the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

I. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

Ministers—Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., Milton Waldo, D. D., Erastus W. Twichell, J. Jermain Porter, D. D., William H. Littell, James S. Ramsay, D. D., William F. Skinner, J. Ritchie Smith.

Elders—Peter Carter, Louis Chapin, Hon. Horace E. Smith, Veranus Morse, M. D., James W. Bixby, George H. Sickels, Alfred B. Smith.

2. JUDICIAL BUSINESS :

Ministers—George Alexander, D. D., Levi Parsons, D. D., N. Beall Remick, D. D., Henry U. Swinnerton, Ph. D., Marcus N. Preston, James N. Crocker, D. D., E. Wilmot Cumings, Wilton Merle Smith, D. D.

Elders—Sanford R. Knapp, John E. Myer, Joseph A. Burr, Hon. Calvin T. Hulburd, Henry M. Hillerman, Robert Beggs, H. Dwight Williams.

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

Ministers—George L. Spining, D. D., Edward Stratton, Edgar P. Salmon.

Elders—John Otto, John V. R. Clark.

4. FINANCE :

Elders—James Bayles, Solomon E. Smith, Charles P. Mosher, Edward N. Dauchy, Louis T. Sherrill.

5. LEAVE OF ABSENCE :

Ministers—Charles F. Janes, Clarence H. Beebe, George V. Reichel.

Elders—Henry Waterbury, John A. Vance.

6. NOMINATION OF VISITORS TO SEMINARIES, ETC. :

Ministers—Cyrus P. Osborne, George O. Phelps, Edward M. Deems, Arthur Requa, Albert W. Allen.

Elders—S. Harvey Churchill, Levi T. Hamilton, Seymour Horton, Seneca T. Ham.

7. NOMINATION OF WOMAN'S COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS :

Ministers—Charles H. Baldwin, D. D., Bryce K. Douglas, Courtenay H. Fenn, Wilson B. Parmelee, D. D., Otto R. W. Klosé.

Elders—William H. Youngs, Franklin S. Stebbins, Seth K. Blair, Francis W. Marsh.

8. NOMINATION OF TRUSTEES OF SYNOD, ETC. :

Ministers—Charles S. Richardson, Isaac Jennings, D. D., Smith Orday, Donald McLaren, D. D., Corliss B. Gardner.

Elders—William R. Halbert, Israel Parsons, DeWitt C. Halstead, Sebastian G. Lewis.

ON THE RECORDS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

1. ALBANY: *Ministers*—Wilbur F. Wood, Francis R. Wade ;
Elder—Oliver O. Jones.

2. BINGHAMTON: *Ministers*—William H. Decker, J. Hendrik De Vries ; *Elder*—William H. Van Sickle.

3. BOSTON: *Ministers*—John F. Humphreys, James C. Russell ;
Elder—C. Herbert Foster.

4. BROOKLYN: *Ministers*—John McMaster, Charles S. Lane ;
Elder—Henry W. Derby.

5. BUFFALO: *Ministers*—William H. Bates, Charles Rutherford ;
Elder—Robert Gillies.

6. CAYUGA: *Ministers*—Clarence H. Wilson, Henry U. Swinerton, Ph. D. ; *Elder*—Lucius W. Layman.

7. CHAMPLAIN: *Ministers*—Munroe Drew, Marcus N. Preston ;
Elder—Solomon E. Smith.

8. CHEMUNG: *Ministers*—William H. Roberts, Charles H. Walker ; *Elder*—Alexander M. Sherman.

9. CHILE: [No records.]

10. COLUMBIA: *Ministers*—James A. Anderson, Matthew Gaffney ;
Elder—David K. Storie.

11. GENESEE: *Ministers*—Jacob E. Mallman, George O. Phelps ;
Elder—Frank H. Clement.

12. GENEVA: *Ministers*—Hugh P. McAdam, D. D., Erastus W. Twichell ; *Elder*—John C. Tucker.

13. HUDSON : *Ministers*—Alfred E. Myers, George V. Reichel ;
Elder—A. Noel Blakeman.

14. LONG ISLAND : *Ministers*—James O. Denniston, Edward H.
Rudd ; *Elder*—Frederick Blume.

15. LYONS : *Ministers*—James Wyckoff, Alfonso R. Olney ;
Elder—Eleazar R. Fuller.

16. NASSAU : *Ministers*—Joseph H. Ralston, Edgar P. Salmon ;
Elder—Edward B. Cristy.

17. NEW YORK : *Ministers*—Hiram W. Congdon, Theodore F.
Jessup ; *Elder*—Gerritt S. Casey.

18. NIAGARA : *Ministers*—James N. Crocker, D. D., J. Howard
Hobbs ; *Elder*—Sidney Whittemore.

19. NORTH LAOS : [No records.]

20. NORTH RIVER : *Ministers*—Charles L. Thompson, D. D.,
Lee H. Richardson ; *Elder*—B. Wheaton Clark.

21. OROOMIAH : [No records.]

22. OTSEGO : *Ministers*—Milton Waldo, D. D., Courtenay H.
Fenn ; *Elder*—William Wade.

23. ROCHESTER : *Ministers*—Hiram H. Kellogg, Donald Mc-
Laren, D. D. ; *Elder*—Francis Plain.

24. ST. LAWRENCE : *Ministers*—Charles H. Baldwin, D. D.,
John T. Wilds ; *Elder*—Henry R. Elliott.

25. SIAM : [No records.]

26. STEUBEN : *Ministers*—Clarence H. Wilson, Jesse F. Forbes ;
Elder—William R. Worrall.

27. SYRACUSE : *Ministers*—Edward Stratton, Frederick B. Savage,
D. D. ; *Elder*—William H. Youngs.

28. TROY : *Ministers*—A. Parke Burgess, D. D., Louis F. Ruf ;
Elder—Hon. Augustus Denniston.

29. UTICÁ: *Ministers* — Henry Ward, John F. Humphreys ;
Elder—Franklin Edgerton.

30. WESTCHESTER: *Ministers* — Smith Ordway, William H.
Decker ; *Elder*—James Rodgers.

Overtures, memorials, appeals and complaints were called for, and the papers presented were placed in the hands of the Stated Clerk.

Printed copies of the Docket of Business, and of the Minutes of the last Stated Meeting were distributed.

The Records of the Presbyteries were presented, and were referred to the Examining Committees, whose reports were made the order of the day for Thursday, at three o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

In 1879, the General Assembly appointed a Committee on Systematic Beneficence, designating it "A Committee of Organization and Instruction." Its duties are thus described: "This Committee should see that each Synod has a Committee of Benevolence. Its endeavor should be to secure such attention to the subject by these Committees that the matter of Systematic Beneficence and Church Work will be kept constantly before ministers and churches until these three points are attained: 1. Each church has a proper scriptural plan. 2. Each church contributes to every Board. 3. Proper and fresh information on the general work of the Presbyterian Church is constantly presented to church courts and individual churches." The province of the Synod's Committee is all this, and much besides. In compliance with the will of the Assembly, the Synod, in 1883, appointed a Committee on Systematic Beneficence. In 1885 the Assembly instructed "all Synods to appoint committees on each of the Boards of the Assembly, and also a Committee on Systematic Beneficence." By the action of the Synod, in 1886, the Standing Rule was altered so as to read, "Before the adjournment a committee of one minister and one elder on each of the Boards of the Church, shall be appointed to serve for one year, and these committees, with a general chairman to be appointed at the same time, shall constitute the Committee on Systematic Beneficence." Technically, the instructions of the Assembly have been obeyed; but has not the practical effect been unsatisfactory?

Your Committee fails to see how it is in its power to discharge efficiently its two-fold duty of representing the Boards and laboring in the field of service designed as its special province. It therefore asks to be relieved from all duties consequent upon the representation of the Boards, with a view to far more efficient provision for them both on the floor of the Synod and among the churches.

Farther, your Committee is agreed that a great obstacle in its way is the present inexact method of reporting to the Assembly the gifts of the Synod. The Committee is to tabulate the financial statistics of the Synod, that the churches may be edified and instructed; but there is little instruction, and less edification, when the statistics are so

arranged that truthful deductions from them are impossible. The deductions presented last year occasioned severe criticism. Yet the Committee was honest in its conviction, and if wrong in some of its conclusions, it was led into error by the inexact character of the tables in the Assembly Minutes. That its work may be facilitated, and satisfactory results obtained, some wise change in the statistical blanks of the Assembly is desirable, by means of which such deductions may be made as shall render impossible the grave charge of disloyalty where ground for it does not exist.

The year now closed has been one of promise. Document No. 1, entitled "Keep the Feast," was issued in connection with the distribution of the statistics ordered by the Synod. How generally the feast was kept is unknown to your Committee. The large increase this year in the gifts to the Missionary Boards, warrants a belief that the labor of communicating the facts, and sending out the appeal, was not in vain.

Your Committee rejoices in the promotion of its recent colleague, Rev. Rufus S. Green, D. D., to the chairmanship of the Assembly's Committee. Official communication of an encouraging character has been established between the two committees.

By comparing the statistics of this year with those of the preceding year, it appears :

1. That the total gifts of the Synod have decreased \$23,872.
2. That the gifts to benevolence at large have increased \$93,801.
3. That the congregational expenses and the Assembly Fund have decreased \$117,673, while the gifts to miscellaneous objects have increased \$72,393.
4. That the direct gifts to the Church Boards have increased \$26,429, while the payments by the Boards to the Synod have decreased \$3,898.
5. That the difference between the amounts credited in the Assembly Minutes to work represented by the Boards, and the actual receipts of the Boards, is \$312,665. This difference, added to the gifts called "Miscellaneous," shows a disbursement of \$670,661 to objects outside of the Church Boards.
6. That deducting, from the actual receipts of the Boards, their disbursements within the Synod, there has been contributed to all the Boards the net sum of \$329,988, equal to \$2.05 for each communicant; the number of communicants, excluding the foreign Presbyteries, being 161,361, an increase of 3,135.

The following tables show the comparisons, in detail, for the past two years :

I. A Comparative View of the Total Gifts of the Synod.

BOARDS, ETC.	1890.	1891.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions.....	\$283,768	\$312,756	.....	\$28,988
Foreign Missions	188,391	203,892	.....	15,501
Education	31,697	28,669	\$3,028	.....
Sunday School Work	25,389	40,890	.....	15,501
Church Erection.....	76,778	42,498	34,280	.....
Relief Fund	29,835	29,813	22	.....
Freedmen	24,374	26,096	.....	1,722
Sustentation	12,508	13,493	.....	985
Aid for Colleges	23,464	19,505	3,959	.....
Total	\$696,204	\$717,612	\$41,289	\$62,697
General Assembly	13,725	14,673	.....	948
Congregational	2,224,799	2,106,178	118,621	.....
Miscellaneous	285,603	357,996	.....	72,393
Grand Total.....	\$3,220,331	\$3,196,459	\$159,910	\$136,038

II. Comparison of the Actual Receipts of the Boards.

BOARDS, ETC.	1890.	1891.	Loss.	Gain.
Home Missions.....	\$151,498.91	\$170,171.09	.....	\$18,672.18
Foreign Missions	104,649.75	111,915.24	.....	7,265.49
Education	16,218.19	17,308.94	.....	1,090.75
Sunday School Work	13,627.78	15,182.65	.....	1,554.87
Church Erection.....	22,733.41	19,513.40	\$3,220.01	.....
Relief Fund	27,905.31	28,140.96	.....	235.65
Freedmen	22,598.24	21,104.05	1,494.19	.....
Sustentation	11,672.99	13,990.81	.....	2,317.82
Aid for Colleges	7,613.61	7,620.49	.....	6.88
Total	\$378,518.19	\$494,947.63	\$4,714.20	\$31,143.64

III. Comparison of Payments by the Boards to the Synod.

BOARDS.	1890.	1891.	Decrease.	Increase.
Home Missions.....	\$42,612.13	\$42,811.48	.....	\$199.35
Foreign Missions	6,255.00	2,750.00	\$3,505.00	.....
Education	9,897.50	9,905.54	.....	8.04
Church Erection.....	2,250.00	2,700.00	.....	450.00
Relief Fund	17,842.50	16,792.00	1,050.50	.....
Total	\$78,857.13	\$74,959.02	\$4,555.50	\$657.39

IV. Comparison of the Rates per Member.

OBJECTS.	1890.	1891.	Loss.	Gain.	Entire Church in 1891.
To all objects.....	\$20.35	\$19.78	\$0.57	.....	\$17.30
To Congregational Expenses and General Assembly	14.15	13.12	1.03	.....	12.07
To Benevolence at Large.....	6.20	6.66	.....	.46	5.23
To the Boards of the Church alone	2.39	2.51	.....	.12	.....

V. Comparison of Presbyteries in the Order of Percentage of Collections.

PRESBYTERIES.	Number of Churches.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Education.	Sunday School Work.	Church Erection.	Relief Fund.	Freedmen.	Sustentation.	Aid for Colleges.	Number of Blanks.	Possible Collections.	Actual Collections.	Percentage.
Westchester.....	36	0	2	6	5	5	1	6	11	11	47	324	277	86
Long Island.....	24	1	1	7	3	6	5	7	4	11	45	216	171	79
Hudson.....	44	4	6	10	9	12	10	10	11	14	86	396	310	78
Rochester.....	44	1	3	12	7	15	13	11	18	18	98	396	298	75
Geneva.....	23	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	1	6	34	127	93	73
Cayuga.....	23	1	3	9	7	11	10	7	2	9	59	207	148	72
Nassau.....	24	3	3	9	7	7	8	8	5	13	63	216	153	71
Lyons.....	18	2	4	4	5	6	5	5	7	11	49	162	113	70
Albany.....	51	7	10	17	16	17	21	17	12	26	143	459	316	69
Utica.....	43	4	9	17	10	15	18	15	9	27	124	387	263	68
New York.....	55	4	5	19	20	16	16	20	32	30	162	495	333	67
Brooklyn.....	34	7	8	12	12	10	12	12	17	15	105	306	201	66
North River.....	30	2	3	12	7	13	12	15	11	17	92	270	178	66
Buffalo.....	43	5	5	18	14	18	14	21	18	22	135	387	252	65
Steuben.....	26	4	6	10	6	9	13	12	10	14	84	234	150	64
Troy.....	42	4	7	21	16	19	16	14	27	138	378	240	64	
Niagara.....	20	3	2	9	9	7	9	9	10	11	60	180	111	62
Binghamton.....	27	5	6	11	11	14	10	12	13	16	98	243	145	60
Otsego.....	26	3	9	13	7	13	13	12	9	15	94	234	140	60
Boston.....	36	1	8	14	12	14	20	17	28	24	138	324	186	58
Columbia.....	19	1	3	10	8	11	13	11	6	11	74	171	97	57
Genesee.....	22	3	4	12	5	13	11	12	9	16	85	198	113	57
St. Lawrence.....	31	5	7	14	15	15	16	16	13	20	121	279	158	57
Syracuse.....	41	9	15	22	17	20	24	21	14	24	166	369	203	55
Chemung.....	22	4	6	14	8	16	15	13	9	16	101	198	97	49
Champlain.....	20	6	8	13	7	13	13	11	12	12	95	180	85	47
Total.....	824	93	146	320	247	319	321	318	305	436	2505	7336	4831	66

It is recommended :

I. That this Committee be relieved of all the duties consequent upon its representation of the Boards.

II. That the Synod constitute eight Permanent Committees, one on each of the Boards of the Assembly. Each Committee shall consist of four ministers and three elders, five of whom shall be appointed with a view to residence contiguous to the locality selected as the headquarters of the Committee. These Committees shall be located as follows: Home Missions, Albany; Foreign Missions, New York; Education, Syracuse; Sunday School Work, Brooklyn; Church Erection, Boston; Relief Fund, Troy; Freedmen, Buffalo; Aid for Colleges, Rochester. It shall be the duty of these Committees: 1. To familiarize themselves with the methods and the needs of the Boards, with a view to aiding the Synod in devising ways and means of more fully expressing its sympathy and co-operation in the great missionary and benevolent work of the Synod. 2. To inform themselves fully respecting the disbursement of the funds of the Boards within the bounds of the Synod, and labor to decrease the same. 3. To give fresh information, respecting the present financial condition of the Boards, in brief annual reports, not to occupy in reading more than ten minutes each.

III. That the Synod instruct this Committee to communicate with the Assembly's Committee and other Synodical Committees on Systematic Beneficence, with a view of securing a design for a more satisfactory statistical report.

IV. That, in view of the action of the Assembly, Minutes of 1891, the following plan for convening an annual Synodical Missionary Congress be submitted to the home Presbyteries, with the request that they carefully consider the same and signify their approval or disapproval, with reasons, to a Special Committee of the Synod, prior to June 1, 1892. In case a majority of the Presbyteries approve in general the plan submitted, it shall be worked out in detail by this Special Committee, aided by the suggestions of the Presbyteries, and presented to the Synod next year for final action.

PLAN FOR A SYNODICAL MISSIONARY CONGRESS.

Before April 1st in each year the chairmen of the Permanent Committees of the Synod on the Boards of the Church and on Systematic Beneficence, shall meet, and choose one of their number chairman of a Committee of Arrangements, to select a place and arrange the program for a Synodical Missionary Congress, to be convened on the evening of the first Tuesday in June. This Congress shall be a deliberative body only, called by direction of the Synod, and presided over by the Moderator of the Synod.

I. It shall meet for the following objects :

1. To afford ample opportunity for spreading before the people the needs of our missionary and benevolent work in a manner more personal and effective than can be secured by the printed page.

2. To provide a Synodical Conference on the distinctively Presbyterian objects of beneficence, that by means of the knowledge thereby secured, and the personal interest and sympathy thereby stimulated, a larger proportion of our benevolent funds may find its way directly to the treasuries of the Boards.

3. To secure the co-operation and increase the intelligence of many of our most efficient and liberal laymen, who have no seat in the courts of the Church, and hence are but rarely brought into close sympathy with the organized missionary work of the Church.

4. To arrange a meeting place for missionaries, secretaries, pastors, laymen and lay-women, where, relieved from the technicalities necessarily consequent upon the meetings of the Church courts, and provided with time enough, they may engage in earnest prayer and conference concerning their duties and privileges in laboring for the evangelization of the world.

II. The members of this Congress shall be chosen in the following manner: Each *Presbytery* shall elect as many ministers and elders as are elected to the Synod, and according to the same plan. Each *Church* shall send one representative, who shall be appointed by the Session from among the members of the congregation. Each *Woman's Presbyterian Society* shall send three representatives, elected by its corps of officers.

III. The sessions of the Congress shall be arranged so that each Board, and the Committee on Systematic Beneficence, shall have an assigned place on the program; and each Permanent Committee shall select speakers and topics for the portion of the program assigned to it by the Committee of Arrangements. The officers of the Boards, and the members of the Synod's Committees on the Boards, and on Systematic Beneficence, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Congress.

IV. Any overtures, suggestions or resolutions respecting the work of the Church may be sent to the proper Permanent Committee of the Synod, and with its approval may be presented to the Synod.

V. The report of this Congress shall be made to the Synod by the chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

The Synodical Superintendents presented their report, and addressed the Synod.

The report was accepted, and is as follows:

Our work has been prosecuted in the eastern district through the entire year, and in the western for six months. Consequently the accompanying statistics represent only eighteen months of labor:

Visits to congregations.....	164	Meetings of Presbyteries attended.....	30
Sermons.....	275	Corner stone laid.....	1
Baptisms.....	10	Presided to elect Pastors.....	10
Lord's Supper administered.....	16	Ordinations.....	4
Received on examination.....	15	Installations.....	7
Received by letter.....	9	Miles traveled.....	20,539
Letters and cards written.....	2,675	Expenses.....	\$564.19
Funerals attended.....	8	Received (including balance of 1890).....	\$585.39
Ruling Elders installed.....	3		

We are happy to report the continued support and encouragement of both ministers and churches, who listen to our reports of need and work with increasing interest.

The weaker churches welcome us with expressions of gratitude for the sympathy which we bear to them from the Presbyteries and stronger churches. By these things we are stimulated and encouraged, and our success has been found largely in this co-operation.

The Presbyteries are increasing very greatly in the practical interest taken in their weak churches. The committees are giving more and more attention to the work; and how the stronger shall help the weaker is frequently the leading topic in the meetings of Presbyteries. This is one of the most hopeful signs as to Church work in the older States. And our Synod will have to make greater progress yet if we are to keep pace with our neighbors.

In obedience to the Synod, we have done what we could to secure funds for Synodical Aid. Besides personal efforts with churches and Presbyteries, we issued a postal card circular in March, and sent it to all the ministers and vacant churches in the Synod.

We have used our best efforts for economy in the supply of the churches, and encouraged contiguous churches to unite their strength in the support of the means of grace.

We have prosecuted the work in the usual ways of pulpit supply, evangelistic meetings, pastoral visitations in vacant churches, aiding churches to raise money for congregational purposes, giving advice, presiding on various occasions, and doing whatever we could whereby we might be useful. It has been a pleasure also to act as a medium of information between ministers and churches.

The transformation of population that is constantly going on because of business changes and by death, with the immigration of a different class of people, promises no rest to the Synod and Presbyteries in carrying on the work of the Church in our bounds.

In most respects the work is encouraging; but the discouraging feature is the fact that there are church doors closed for want of money to support men sufficiently in the small fields.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid and the report of the Treasurer of the Synodical Aid Fund, were presented and accepted. The consideration of these reports was made the first order of the day on Thursday.

Papers were reported by the Stated Clerk, and referred as follows :

To the Committee on Bills and Overtures :

1. An overture from the Presbytery of Rochester respecting the transfer of the Church of East Kendall.
2. An overture from the Presbytery of Otsego, on the subject of Theological Education.
3. A communication from the American Sabbath Union.

To the Committee on Judicial Business :

1. An appeal of Mrs. Ella B. McKelvey from a decision of the Presbytery of Nassau.
2. An appeal of James Waddell from a decision of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.
3. An appeal of Alexander Dunn and others from a decision of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.
4. A complaint of William D. Lord against the Presbytery of Buffalo.

The Committee of Arrangements reported, recommending

That it be the second order of the day on Thursday to hear the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., in behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges; the Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, in behalf of the Board of Education; and the Rev. Walter Laidlaw, in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

The recommendation was adopted.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The Committee on Religion and Public Education presented the following report, which was accepted :

Your Committee, acting upon the instructions of the Synod, communicated with similar committees appointed by other bodies, and arranged for a Conference in the city

of New York, November 17th and 18th, 1890. This Conference was attended by thirty-three delegates from twenty-four ecclesiastical organizations, representing ten Protestant denominations. In three sessions it thoroughly discussed the whole question, both the secular and religious views of the functions of the State being eloquently defended by distinguished speakers.

Papers were read by Rev. Prof. G. R. Crooks, D. D., Rev. S. B. Beiler, and Rev. Joseph E. King, D. D., Methodist Episcopal; Rev. Wayland Spaulding and Rev. W. H. Ward, D. D., Congregational; Rev. David G. Wylie, Ph. D., Presbyterian; Rev. Lewis Francis, Reformed; Rev. B. B. Tyler, Disciple; Rev. J. C. K. Milligan, D. D., Reformed Presbyterian; Rev. W. T. Sabine, D. D., Reformed Episcopal; Rev. Arthur Brooks, Protestant Episcopal; and Rev. J. B. Remensnyder, D. D., Lutheran.

At the close of the discussion a unanimous vote of the Conference adopted as its platform the following

STATEMENT OF FACTS.

"1. The commonwealth of New York divorces the Church from the State, and does not attempt the work of the Church; but, at the same time, in accordance with its constitution, it teaches Christian morals and maintains religious exercises so far as it finds this expedient for the purposes of the State.

"2. At present this State teaches Christian morals, and maintains religious exercises in its State University, in its Benevolent and Reformatory Institutions, and in a large number of its Common and High Schools."

These facts this Conference notes with great satisfaction.

DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES.

"1. For the preservation of the constitutional right thus exercised by New York State, it is proper and wise that the extent to which religious exercises be maintained in any school under the care of the State be left to the general voice of the constituency of each school, with strict care that no right of conscience be violated.

"2. For the interest and preservation of the State, expediency demands that practical morals be taught, as an essential part of the curriculum, in every public school.

"3. To this end our people must see to it that the right persons be appointed as school officers and as school teachers in every district of each city and county in the State. They should in no case be selected because of political party affiliations, but in all cases solely because of their fitness for the positions which they are to fill; and this should be especially insisted upon in the case of School Commissioners and Trustees, and of City Superintendents and Boards of Education.

"4. Suitable text books in morals should be provided for the use of teachers or pupils or both, as circumstances may require, and in every school in the State the Ten Commandments should be taught."

Upon the basis of this platform, a Committee of the Conference, appointed to carry on the work begun, has organized "The League for Moral Instruction in Public Schools."

Among the most valuable papers presented at the Conference was one by William Allen Butler, LL.D., in which he discussed the Religious Basis for Moral Instruction in Public Schools from a legal point of view, and with special reference to the Constitution and Laws of New York. A copy of this paper is herewith submitted, and your Committee takes pleasure in calling attention to the abundant justification which it affords for the position hitherto taken and defended in this Synod.

The League contemplates holding another Conference upon this subject, and therefore your Committee requests to be continued for another year to communicate with similar Committees appointed by other bodies. Several members of the Committee having removed or died, it is recommended that, if the Synod see fit to continue its Committee, it

be enlarged by the addition of the Rev. John Hall, D. D., and the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D.

The request was granted and the recommendation adopted.

The Committee on Sunday School Work presented the following report, which was adopted :

In view of the large number of children and youth, in the bounds of the Synod, who are not receiving religious instruction, either at home or in any Sabbath School, it is recommended :

1. That the Synod urge upon the several Presbyteries the necessity of a house to house visitation, for the purpose of securing the attendance at Sabbath School of all children not now attending any other school; and that each Presbytery, either by an organization of its own, or in co-operation with the system of the State Sunday School Association, or any other agency, endeavor to secure and maintain a thorough canvass of all the territory within its bounds.

2. That this Committee be merged in the Permanent Committee of the Synod on the Board of Publication and Sabbath School Work, and that the latter prepare a letter setting forth the needs of this work, and send a copy to the Chairman of the Sabbath School Committee of each Presbytery, with the request that he bring the subject before the Superintendent of every School in his Presbytery.

3. That the Chairman of the Sabbath School Committees of the various Presbyteries be instructed to report, in detail, to the Synod's Committee, the result of their endeavors, not later than September 1, 1892.

4. That the Permanent Committee tabulate these reports and present them at the next meeting of the Synod, with such recommendations as may seem desirable.

The Rev. Messrs. Elijah R. Craven, D. D., of the Synod of Pennsylvania, William Nesbitt Chambers, of the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Association of the Congregational Church, and the Rev. Samuel W. Pratt, of the Synod of Michigan, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions presented the following report, which was accepted :

For the year closing April, 1891, in the Synod of New York, the whole amount raised for Home Missions and Freedmen by the women of the Presbyterian Church, and sent through the Presbyterian Home Mission Board, was \$61,557.34, an advance in money over the previous year of \$401.80.

In addition, boxes of clothing and supplies of home comforts were sent to missionary families, and to schools, to the amount of \$44,499.89, about \$10,000 in excess of the amount sent last year. We are devoutly thankful for the small advance in funds and work, notwithstanding the constant and general plea of restricted finances.

The outlook for the coming year foreshadows more earnest efforts and prayers. We trust there will be faith enough, hope enough and love enough to meet the growing demands of mission work in our own land, for the country's and the Master's sake.

The Rev. Messrs. L. Merrill Miller, D. D., and James N. Crocker, D. D., and Elder Calvin T. Hulburd were appointed a Committee to convey the salutations of the Synod to the Woman's Synodical Home Mission Convention, now in session in the Stone Street Church of this city, and to present to that body the subject of Synodical Aid.

The Pastoral Letter was presented, read and referred to the following Committee: Rev. Messrs. Edward M. Deems, Alfred E. Myers, and Milton Waldo, D. D., and Elders John C. Tucker and Horace E. Smith.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence was constituted as follows: Rev. Messrs. Lansing Van Schoonhoven, William S. Hubbell, D. D., George C. Yeisley, D. D., and Alfred E. Myers, and Elders Francis A. Board, Edward Wells and John H. Osborne.

In accordance with the arrangement, a conference was held, on the topic "Young People and the Church."

The following was adopted unanimously, and ordered to be transmitted, with the signatures of the Moderator and Stated Clerk:

The Presbyterian Synod of New York sends hearty greetings and God-speed to the Convention of Christian Endeavor Societies now in session in Utica. See I John 2: 12-14.

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 21, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and after devotional services listened to addresses on Home Missions, by Rev. Messrs. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., and Charles L. Thompson, D. D.

Adjourned until Thursday, at nine o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction.

THURSDAY, October 22, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered in accordance with the arrangement.

The following Ruling Elders served the communicants: Peter Carter, Solomon E. Smith, John C. Tucker, Alfred B. Smith, Samuel Q. Brown, Sanford R. Knapp, William R. Halbert, and John A. Vance.

Prayer was offered by the Moderator.

The roll was called, and the following delegates, not previously enrolled, were reported as being present:

Presbytery of Binghamton: Minister—A. Cameron McKenzie.

Lyons: Minister—A. Parke Burgess.

New York: Minister—William T. Carr.

The minutes of Wednesday's sessions were read and approved.

The following telegram, in reply to the Synod's message, was received:

The New York State Christian Endeavor Societies, in convention assembled, send greetings. "Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Special Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan presented a report, which was accepted.

The Committee on Judicial Business presented the following report:

Judicial Case No. 1, being an appeal of James Waddell, an Elder of the Church of Waddington, from the action of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, setting him aside from the active duties of his office in that Church.

It is recommended, that the appeal be dismissed, for the reason that the intent and effect of the action of the Presbytery were to cause the appellant to cease to be an active elder, which is clearly within its constitutional power. But as the word "depose" is used in connection with this action, the Presbytery is directed to amend its record, so that it shall conform to the language of the Book of Discipline.

Judicial Case No. 2, being an appeal of Alexander Dunn, James Allison and Thomas Fife, Elders of the Waddington Church, from certain action of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, touching the same matters:

It is recommended, that the appeal be dismissed, for the reason that while the resignation, by these brethren, of their position as active elders, and the action of Presbytery

in relation thereto, may be open to slight technical objection, the ends of justice appear to have been accomplished, and the peace and welfare of the Church conserved.

Judicial Case No. 3, being an appeal of Mrs. Ella B. McKelvey, from certain action of the Presbytery of Nassau :

It is recommended, that the appeal be dismissed, for the reason that while there may have been irregularities in the conduct of her trial before the session, the appellant lost her remedy by failure to comply with the terms of the Book of Discipline regarding appeals.

Judicial Case No. 4, being a complaint of William D. Lord against the Presbytery of Buffalo :

It is recommended, that the complaint be found in order, and that it be referred, for trial, to a Judicial Commission, to report during the present sessions of this body.

The recommendations were severally adopted.

The members of the Committee on Judicial Business were constituted the Judicial Commission for the trial of the complaint against the Presbytery of Buffalo.

The reports on Synodical Aid were made the first order of business this afternoon.

The Committee to whom the Pastoral Letter had been referred, presented its report, which was accepted, and the Pastoral Letter as amended was adopted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

Since the last meeting of the Synod, but little has been done toward the accomplishment of the object for which the Committee was appointed. During the past year, Hamilton College has experienced great changes, in the removal of three members of its faculty, and the death of one of its oldest professors, and of its president. While this may not be the occasion, or the place, to pronounce a eulogy upon the character and life of President Darling, it is proper to recognize the fact, that to his zeal for the cause of Christian education, and his love for the Presbyterian Church, is mainly to be attributed the inauguration of the plan of organic union of the College with the Church, and that measure of success which has attended the efforts in its behalf. All who were associated with him well know, how in this, as in many other directions, he devoted his great powers in unremitting and self-sacrificing labor for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom. The great changes which have recently occurred, have led your Committee to think that the present is an inopportune time to prosecute the duty with which they were charged; and

to refer to Synod the question, which for some time has been asked, whether provision shall be made for farther continuance of effort in that direction.

They are thankful to be able to say, that notwithstanding the peculiar and afflictive dispensations which the institution has suffered, God's favor has been manifested in giving it a great degree of prosperity in the large number of students, the filling of the vacant professorial chairs by worthy incumbents, the appointment of an Acting President respected and beloved by all, the near anticipation of funds the income from which will greatly assist in meeting its current expenses, and above all, the earnest determination by all connected with it that its past eminence in learning and religion shall be maintained. There has also been no weakening of the ties which for so many years have existed between the College and the Church. The members of the Board of Trust and of the Faculty are mostly Presbyterians, by far the greater number of students are from Presbyterian families, and the same large proportion as heretofore is looking forward to the Christian ministry in connection with our Church.

There is, therefore, no reason why the Church should lose her interest in the College, or cease to consider it as connected with her in relations of earnest sympathy and co-operation. Neither should the idea of organic connection be abandoned, if in the providence of God, circumstances should hereafter indicate it to be desirable and practicable. But we feel that at present, in view of the religious affiliations of the College, and of the deep interest which the Church must feel in the great number of her children committed to its care and instruction, and of the large amount of money which she has already contributed toward its endowment, there should be some mutual recognition of their relation to each other.

The Committee therefore recommends :

1. That the Committee on the Endowment of Hamilton College be continued, to keep the whole matter under advisement, and prosecute the work of endowment when it shall appear feasible.

2. That this Committee should seek, from the Trustees of the College, a recognition of visitors to be appointed by the Synod, and an invitation to them to attend the public exercises of the College, and become acquainted, as far as is proper, with its management and the character of its instruction.

3. That the Synod reiterate and emphasize the recommendation of previous years, that each Presbytery endow a permanent scholarship in Hamilton College, and call especial attention to the fact, that the offer is extended for another year, to give \$500 toward each of such scholarships, for which a Presbytery shall contribute \$1,000. The income of the scholarship fund of \$1,500, is to apply in perpetuity toward the term bills of the student nominated by the Presbytery. The Presbytery of Geneva has already raised the amount necessary to secure the advantage of this offer, and a little effort in other Presbyteries would accomplish the same result, which would not only be a great advantage to the institution, but assist a large number of young men to prepare for the Gospel Ministry. We commend this subject to those who deplore the scarcity in our Church of candidates for the Christian Ministry.

The Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly reported that it had found nothing requiring action on the part of the Synod, and its report was accepted.

A recess was taken until half-past two o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 22, 2.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met and was opened with prayer.

The report of the Special Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan was considered, and the following action was taken :

- Resolved*, 1. That the report be printed and distributed to the churches.
2. That the following overture be sent to the Presbyteries, to be answered with a direct affirmative or negative :
- “ Shall the Synodical Aid Work in the State of New York be conducted separately from the general work of the Board of Home Missions? ”
3. That the Presbyteries report their consideration of the paper, with any modifications they may recommend in the proposed plan, to the Special Committee, by or before September 1, 1892, and that the Committee be continued.
4. That the Standing Committee on Synodical Aid be directed to confer with the officers of the Board, with a view to the more effective administration of our mission work during the current year.

The Committees appointed to examine the Records of the following Presbyteries, reported recommending that the records severally be approved as far as written, namely, Albany, Binghamton, Boston, Cayuga, Champlain, Columbia, Genesee, Geneva, Long Island, Nassau, New York, North River, Rochester, Steuben, Syracuse, Troy, Utica, and Westchester.

The reports were adopted.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Chile, North Laos, Oroomiah, and Siam were not presented.

The Committee to Nominate Trustees of the Synod and Trustees and Examiners of Elmira College, presented their report, which was accepted, and the following persons were duly elected :

Trustees of the Synod : Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, and John C. Tucker, for the term of three years; and to fill vacancies, Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D. D., for one year, in the place of Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., removed beyond the bounds of the Synod; and Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., for two years, in the place of Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., also removed.

Trustees of Elmira College : John T. Rathbun, John I. Nicks, Newton P. Fassett, Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D., Seymour Dexter, Hon. David C. Robinson,* for the term of

three years; and in place of Rev. William R. Duryea, D. D., Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford, to serve for two years.

Examiners: Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Marcus N. Preston, and Howard Elmer, to serve for three years.

The Rev. N. Beall Remick, D. D., Rev. Alfred E. Myers and Elder Horace E. Smith were appointed the Committee to prepare the Pastoral Letter for next year.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Brooklyn reported recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exception:

That the names of churches not represented in the Presbytery are not recorded.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Chemung reported recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions:

1. There is a lack of uniformity in the use of names and titles. Only the initial letters of the Christian names are in many cases given, and abbreviations are numerous.
2. The names of the Committees on the Records of Sessions are omitted, page 410.
3. The action is anticipated in ordering the names of three ministers to be placed on the roll, and reported to the Assembly, before the letters from their respective Presbyteries, which had been applied for, had been received; page 411.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Lyons reported recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exception:

That, at times, only initials are used before surnames, contrary to the explicit rule of the Synod.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Niagara reported recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exception:

The action recorded on page 244, transferring a church, upon request, to another Presbytery.

The report was adopted.

Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Aid for Colleges, Rev. Allen Macy Dulles, in behalf of the Board of Education, and the Rev. Charles Van Norden, D. D., in behalf of Elmira College.

The report of the Trustees of Elmira College was presented, accepted, and ordered to be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The Committee of Visitors to the University of the City of New York presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee met at the University May 12, 1891. After an extended conference with the acting Chancellor, who explained, in detail, the scope and aims of the University, the various classes were visited and the work was inspected in general. As a result we report our unqualified endorsement of the present administration of this honored institution. There are clear evidences of such intelligent and thorough supervision and direction as place the University abreast of the best educational institutions of our country. We were especially impressed with the adoption of the most approved modern methods of higher education, and the practical adaptation of the University to present needs. The new school of Pedagogy, the first in America, is but one of the evidences of this advanced and aggressive spirit. The need of new and enlarged accommodations for the Academic Department is manifest, and we learned with pleasure of the serious effort now making to secure the removal of this department to a most eligible site above the Harlem River. The province of your Committee's report seems limited; but, in addition to the general approval here given, we wish to commend the interests of the University to the sympathy and practical support of the Synod, believing that these interests present an inviting field for Christian philanthropy.

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting reported an invitation from the Fourth Church of Albany, and recommended that it be accepted.

The recommendation was adopted with the thanks of the Synod, and it was ordered that the next annual meeting of the Synod be held in the Fourth Church of the City of Albany, N. Y.

The Session of the Church was appointed the Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Otsego reported recommending that they be approved as far as written, with the following exceptions :

1. On page 47 is a repetition of a record made on page 42.
2. On page 51, under the head of ministers present at the opening of the Presbytery, the name of a person is recorded who was not a licentiate even, but was subsequently licensed and ordained.

3. On pages 55 and 56, under date of September 9, 1891, there is a record of approval by the Presbytery of an action reported verbally by a member of the Presbytery as having taken place July 16, 1891, when two ministers and one elder met at what is spoken of as "the special meeting of Presbytery," though no call for such special meeting is recorded or even referred to.

The two ministers and one elder, not being a quorum, organized as a Presbytery, received a licentiate from a Presbytery in Canada, and proceeded to ordain him, and install him pastor of the church at the place of meeting.

The report was adopted.

The following minute was adopted :

Whereas, The Synod of New York deplotes and reprobates the traffic in intoxicants in Africa, and

Whereas, There is an intimate relation between this traffic and the slave trade, and

Whereas, Treaties have been formulated by conferences of commissioners from this country and from the Christian nations of Europe, prohibiting this traffic, which treaties have been ratified by all the European nations represented in those conferences, and

Whereas, The failure of the United States to ratify these treaties is the only remaining obstacle to their immediate enforcement, and

Whereas, Vast quantities of rum are exported to those regions from within the bounds of this Synod, therefore

Resolved, That the Synod of New York appoints the Moderator and Stated Clerk to memorialize the President and the Senate of the United States, and to use every effort, on behalf of the early ratification of treaties now pending, or which may yet be formulated, for the destruction of the traffic in intoxicants and in men in Africa and other unevangelized parts of the world.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the following papers and recommendations :

Overture No. 1. From the Presbytery of Rochester, asking the transfer of the Church of East Kendall from the Presbytery of Niagara.

It is recommended that the request be granted, there being satisfactory evidence of consent on the part of the Presbytery of Niagara.

Overture No. 2. From the Presbytery of Otsego, asking that steps be taken for providing a limited theological education for men of limited opportunities, for limited fields of labor.

It is recommended that the Presbytery be referred for answer to the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1891, p. 176, Declaration No. 2.

Overture No. 3. From the American Sabbath Union, in reference to the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition on the Lord's day.

It is recommended that the Synod reaffirm the action of last year, as follows :

Resolved, That the Synod of New York, representing more than 1,100 ministers of the Gospel, and 165,000 Church communicants, earnestly renews its appeal to the

Directors of the World's Fair, to be held in Chicago, to respect the convictions and historic practice of our Christian republic, and the law of God, and close the Exposition on the Lord's day; and that this resolution, signed by the Moderator and Stated Clerk, be forwarded to the managers of the Exposition.

The recommendations were adopted.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of St. Lawrence reported recommending their approval as far as written, but calling the attention of the Presbytery to the corrections to be made in accordance with the action of the Synod in Judicial Case No. 1.

The report was adopted.

The Board of Examiners of Elmira College, presented a report which was accepted, and of which the following is an abstract :

The past year has been one of the most prosperous in the history of this institution, which has the proud distinction of being the first college established in this country for the higher education of women.

This seat of learning is located in the flourishing city of Elmira, in southern New York, and is easy of access by railway from all parts of the country.

The main building is a large edifice of brick, occupying a commanding site, and facing a beautiful campus of ten acres. Two hundred and twenty-five feet long, and, at the centre, two-thirds as deep, and five stories high, with a dome rising into a sixth story, it is commodious and well arranged, containing over seventy-five rooms for boarders, besides ample space for chapel, parlors, gymnasium, infirmary, recitations, and the use of domestics. It is heated by steam from boilers not underneath, is lighted by electricity from without, and supplied with a trustworthy night-watchman, an elevator, fire-escapes, water tanks, and telephonic connection with the fire department. An astronomical observatory, situated on a site near the campus, is well equipped.

During the past year those interested in the college were made glad by the generosity of Mr. Solomon Gillette, of Elmira, who, at his own expense, built the Gillette Memorial Music Building, containing twenty teaching and practice rooms, which are isolated from one another by padded walls and floors, and are heated by steam, lighted by electricity, and equipped with new pianos. Mr. Gillette has thus invested about \$12,000. This of itself shows the estimation in which the institution is held by a citizen of marked prudence and good judgment.

The entire property of the institution, at a fair valuation above all indebtedness, is estimated at nearly \$300,000.

By the generosity and public spirit of Messrs. Justus L. Bulkley, Thomas S. Ritch and N. B. Vaughan, of New York City, executors and residuary legatees of the estate of the late Daniel B. Fayerweather, Esq., Elmira College, through a deed of gift, becomes the prospective recipient of \$50,000. This has not only encouraged the Trustees and Faculty, but it has stimulated the hope that others may come forward with their gifts, until the amount reaches two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, the sum really needed to place the college on a firm and independent footing.

The faculty numbers twenty, with Dr. Van Norden president, whose peculiar fitness for the position impresses the committee more and more. The venerable Dr. Cowles, with his remarkable teaching ability, is rendering valuable service as an instructor. A close inspection of the work done by each professor leaves nothing to report but that which is most satisfactory. The graduates, too, are taking responsible positions, and reflecting honor on their Alma Mater.

In June, 1893, the Preparatory Department will be closed, and thenceforth the energies of the faculty will be given exclusively to collegiate work. This, your committee believes, is a step in the right direction, and will add to the efficiency of the institution.

Much might be added to show the improvements in the general work of the college, especially in the departments of Music, Art, Physical Culture and Bible Study. And a word of commendation should be bestowed on the charming home-like atmosphere of the institution. The college is commended anew to the great Presbyterian Church, whose members, it is hoped, will come promptly to its aid, with generous hearts and open hands, and bringing their daughters to be adorned with the graces of a Christian culture.

A conference was held, pursuant to appointment, on the topic "Revivals, Evangelists, and the Converting Work of the Holy Spirit."

A recess was taken until half-past seven o'clock P. M.

Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 22, 7.30 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met, and after devotional services the Rev. Messrs. George Alexander, D. D., Benjamin Labaree, D. D., and Henry A. Nelson, D. D., addressed the Synod in behalf of the work of Foreign Missions.

Rev. John McClellan Holmes, D. D., and Elder Horace B. Silliman, LL. D., were added to the Special Committee on the Synodical Aid Plan.

The report of the Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid was taken up, and its recommendations were adopted. The report is as follows :

Your Committee, early in the year, called the attention of the Presbyteries to the action of the Synod asking for thirty thousand dollars for the present year. It has abundant reason for believing that knowledge of this apportionment came very generally to the churches through the proper channels. Letters were addressed to 351 churches which had not contributed to this fund up to August 1st, and collections were asked for. For

the above purposes nearly five hundred letters passed between the Committee and the churches.

In addition, the Synodical Superintendents have given information as they have traveled over the State, and have sent out leaflets containing important suggestions and needful facts. The Board also issued a circular, bearing the endorsement of the Synodical Committee, showing the need of help to this fund, and asking the churches to come to the rescue.

The result has been disappointing; although, considering the stringency of money, it has not been altogether discouraging. There is a slight advance over the receipts of last year. More general inquiry has been incited, and forty-one more churches have contributed this year—in all, 500 out of 802.

For the supply of 153 churches, and a few out-stations, 133 home missionaries are now in commission. To these is granted \$29,964 in sums from \$50 upward. A few more applications are before the Board. The following statement from the Treasurer of the Board is worthy of close attention :

Receipts from and payments to the Presbyteries on account of the Synodical Aid Fund, October 1st, 1890, to October 1st, 1891 :

PRESBYTERIES.	No. of Contributing Churches.	Receipts.	Payments.
Albany	49	\$1,986.32	\$1,225.00
Binghamton	11	301.79	1,093.75
Boston.....	7	31.69	.....
Brooklyn	19	999.15	2,295.83
Buffalo	27	896.12	1,500.00
Cayuga	19	399.62	996.87
Champlain	14	193.29	1,425.00
Chemung	11	269.55	1,262.50
Columbia	15	237.67	950.00
Genesec	13	193.08	500.00
Geneva	23	806.94	838.33
Hudson.....	32	602.79	1,262.50
Long Island.....	16	318.67	237.50
Lyons	12	112.23	800.00
Nassau	18	226.78	1,609.72
New York	18	767.28	3,650.00
Niagara	10	131.45	.....
North River.....	16	159.34	162.50
Otsego.....	15	204.73	548.23
Rochester.....	23	448.37	1,200.00
St. Lawrence.....	16	262.89	725.00
Steuben	13	181.84	1,512.50
Syracuse.....	31	800.41	1,751.43
Troy	25	863.26	1,605.00
Utica	27	811.15	1,287.50
Westchester	25	615.07	875.00

The Presbytery of Albany, which has always been foremost in this work, still leads, having given \$761 more to the Synodical Aid Fund than it received in appropriations. Long Island gave \$78 more, and Niagara contributed \$131 while asking nothing; Geneva asked for only \$31 more than it gave, and North River \$3 more. The remaining Presbyteries received much more than they contributed, some of them very largely in excess. This is true of some of the wealthiest Presbyteries, which are the most liberal in other benevolent work.

What is the history of Synodical Aid in our State? An able committee was appointed in 1882, "On the Condition of the Churches and Mission Work within the bounds

of the Synod." The report of this committee in 1883 led to the appointment of other committees from year to year, until, in 1886, the comprehensive plan now in operation was adopted, and urged upon the churches.

Every year since then, the Synod has strongly approved the plan, not only because justice to our mission work in the State demanded it, but also because, at the suggestion of the Board of Home Missions, the General Assembly recommended the object and action which have led the Synod to adopt such a plan of work. With such authority and in view of such strong endorsements and sanctions, we earnestly ask, what is there defective in the plan? If it were carried out according to the design and instructions of the Synod, would it not be easy to make it a perfect success?

The Board of Home Missions reports its total receipts for last year at \$849,363. Of this sum the Synod of New York gave \$184,361, or nearly one-quarter of the whole. If we add to this \$142,000 given to Home Missions through other channels than the Board, it makes the sum which the churches of our State contributed \$326,249, which is largely in excess of one-third of all the receipts of the Board of Home Missions.

Here, then, arises the question: Must the needy churches at our own doors be considered beggars, or their claims be discarded with only a slight excuse? Must papers in the west have occasion to say that the debt of the Board is, in part, compelled by the failure of this Synod to take care of its own churches? The Committee emphasizes these questions, because letters received show that the trouble is largely due to the fact that some ministers and elders are indifferent to any such plan of Synodical Aid, and are reluctant to press it upon their churches.

We are chiefly anxious that the great and good results proposed by the Synodical Aid Plan should be attained. And we are more firmly than ever persuaded, from what we have learned through large correspondence and from the increasing amounts given through the past four years, that if the Presbyteries should cordially and energetically follow the instructions of the Synod, perfect success would soon be attained.

The Committee recommends:

1. That \$32,000 be apportioned this year among the churches, in the same manner as last year.
2. That the Synod earnestly press upon its Presbyteries, its ministers and elders, the duty of bringing this object to the special attention of the churches and congregations, and of seeing that all have an opportunity of contributing to its support.
3. That the Synodical Superintendents be commended to the continued confidence and co-operation of the Board of Home Missions and of the Presbyteries and churches within the bounds of the Synod.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence was instructed to nominate the Permanent Committees on the Boards of the Church.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Hudson reported, recommending that they be approved with the following exceptions:

1. On pages 425, 426, the Committee on a certain reference of the Assembly presented a verbal report, recommending the approval of the plan in general, but suggesting some changes in the details. The recommendations were adopted, but there is no record of any, excepting the one to approve the plan in general. The wording is inexact or the record is incomplete.

2. On page 426 the Committee on the Minutes of the Assembly presented a verbal report, which was adopted. What was the report? And what was there in it to adopt?
3. Pages 426, 427 and elsewhere, initial letters are used instead of baptismal names.
4. At the foot of page 448 and at the top of page 449 an omission seems to occur in the phrase which reads, "the striking out of Section—Chapter twelve."

The report was adopted.

The Committee of Visitors to Adams Collegiate Institute presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

An excellent, well equipped boarding and day school for young men and young women, beautifully located in a healthy and vigorous community, asks the interest and support of the Synod. Incorporated by the Regents in 1855, it annually receives limited aid from that source. The Regents' report in 1888, ranks it third in the list of institutions of this kind in the State. The past history of the school reads like a romance. The devotion, self-sacrifice and loyal support of many of the truest citizens of Adams and adjacent communities promise well for the perpetuity of the institution. It is free from debt, but the property is sadly out of repair. How shall the Synod aid it? Your Committee has carefully considered the various ways in which the Synod can secure control of the institution, and continue and increase its efficiency.

It therefore recommends :

1. That the Synod continue, for the present, the appointment of a committee to visit Adams Collegiate Institute.
2. That the Permanent Committee of the Synod on the Board of Aid for Colleges and Academies be instructed to co-operate with the officers of Adams Collegiate Institute with a view to placing the institution under the care of that Board.

The Committee to nominate the Permanent Committees on the Boards of the Assembly reported the following nominations :

I. ON THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, Albany, N. Y. Rev. Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D., Chairman.

Ministers—Charles H. Baldwin, D. D., John Reid, D. D., Allen Macy Dulles;
Elders—Edward N. Dauchy, Louis W. Pratt, Orrin Day.

II. ON THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, New York City. Rev. J. Balcom Shaw, Chairman.

Ministers—J. Ritchie Smith, Henry A. Davenport, Alfred H. Moment, D. D.;
Elders—John F. Winslow, A. Noel Blakeman, Theodore Gilman.

III. ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, Syracuse, N. Y. Rev. L. Mason Clarke, Chairman.

Ministers—George B. Spalding, D. D., Willis J. Beecher, D. D., J. Lovejoy Robertson;
Elders—John E. Myer, Henry Hooker, James W. Eager.

IV. ON THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND SABBATH SCHOOL WORK, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. A. Woodruff Halsey, Chairman.

Ministers—John T. Wilds, Harlan G. Mendenhall, Charles Townsend; *Elders*—William R. Worrall, Russell W. McKee, John E. Knowlton.

V. ON THE BOARD OF CHURCH ERECTION, Boston, Mass. Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., Chairman.

Ministers—Brevard D. Sinclair, Charles S. Dewing, James W. Flagge; *Elders*—John Gilchrist, Ebenezer M. McPherson, Oliver O. Jones.

VI. ON THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL RELIEF, Troy, N. Y. Rev. Walter Laidlaw, Chairman.

Ministers—Eben Halley, D. D., Alfonso R. Olney, John Tatlock, D. D.; *Elders*—James B. Jermain, William H. Doughty, T. Romeyn Bunn.

VII. ON THE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR FREEDMEN, Buffalo, N. Y. Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Chairman.

Ministers—William Burnett Wright, D. D., Anthony H. Evans, Duncan Cameron; *Elders*—Edward C. Warner, F. M. Hayes, M. D., Edward W. Skinner.

VIII. ON THE BOARD OF AID FOR COLLEGES, Rochester, N. Y. Rev. Edward H. Rudd, Chairman.

Ministers—Asa S. Fiske, Henry H. Stebbins, D. D., William R. Taylor; *Elders*—Charles F. Pond, George H. Sickels, Joshua S. Helmer.

The report was adopted.

The Treasurer's Report was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Judicial Commission appointed in Judicial Case No. 4, to hear and issue the complaint of Elder William D. Lord against the Presbytery of Buffalo, for approving the action of its Committee, in expunging certain matters from the records of the Church of Fredonia without complying with the full directions of the Presbytery, presented the following report, which was ordered to be recorded as the decision of the Synod:

The judgment of the Commission is that the complaint be sustained, so far as to pronounce irregular the action of the Presbytery in approving the report of a Committee which had expunged certain items from the Session records of the Fredonia Church, without seeking the co-operation of the Session in the performance of this act. Since, however, it appears that only harm could result from farther agitation of this matter, the Commission expresses its judgment that the case should now close, and directs the Presbytery of Buffalo to cause this decision to be inscribed on the records of the Session of the Fredonia Church.

The Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Buffalo reported recommending that they be approved as far as written, that portion of

the minutes affected by the foregoing judicial decision not having been engrossed.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendations were adopted :

It is with gratitude and thanksgiving that we note the growth and activity both of public opinion and of organized effort to promote the observance of the Lord's day. Seldom have the ministers of Christ been moved by more intelligent and earnest interest than now. Seldom have Christian laymen realized, so much as now, that the preserving of our Christian day of rest vitally concerns their home and business interests. But this very awakening only reveals the fact that the disease is deeply seated, and that the enemies of the Lord's day are thoroughly organized. The Committee notes with pleasure that in Syracuse, and other cities of the State, successful efforts have been made in closing on the Lord's day most if not all of the liquor saloons, and believes that there is not a town or city in the State where this same result might not be attained, if there could be a fearless, combined effort led by the Christian sentiment of the whole people. It will be a long fight, and must be a strong fight. If Christ's army falls back, the opposing forces will defiantly march in and occupy.

Your Committee regrets to note that the United Christian forces of the metropolis were either insufficient or too inactive to prevent the opening on the Lord's day of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There is good authority for believing that this step might have been prevented, but for the apathy of Christian people. Let us hope that the experiment will prove so far a failure, that next year the Museum may be closed.

There are two avenues through which we can work. One is, and this must be first, to teach the children, and members of the church, to keep the Lord's day according to the commandment. The second is, to use all the agencies and methods that are wise and honorable, to secure the enforcement of existing laws, and to show to those who come from the lands of lost Sabbaths, that here they must respect the Lord's day.

It is therefore recommended :

1. That the Synod appoint a permanent committee of four ministers and three elders on Sabbath Observance, five of them to reside in or near the headquarters of the committee, which shall be the city of Utica.

2. That the Synod authorize the renewal of efforts to secure such changes in the sailing dates of our steamship lines as shall prevent the arrival of their vessels on the Lord's day.

3. That the Synod disapprove of the growing practice of railroad and steamboat companies of running Lord's day excursions to and from summer resorts, and the running of freight trains on that day.

4. That ministers and elders, and all Christian and home-loving laymen, do all in their power to persuade men who represent them in either the state or national legislature, to exert their influence toward maintaining, in the laws enacted, the integrity of the Lord's day.

5. That the first week in April, 1892, be observed by our churches as a week of special prayer, for the divine blessing upon all the people, that they may be led to a better observance of the Lord's day.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

The Committee has examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Synod, and compared them with the vouchers, and it finds the same correct. All the Presbyteries have paid their apportionments for the last year, except Rochester, which has paid only in part. The amount in the treasury, applicable to the expenses of the current year, is \$1,296.

It is recommended that the rate of apportionment for the present year be one-half cent for each communicant.

The Committee on Army Chaplains presented the following report, which was accepted, and its recommendation was adopted :

Your Committee hails with joy the increasing interest shown by Christians throughout our country, in the moral condition of the United States Army. The Presbyterian Church was foremost in urging needed reforms in the camp and garrison life of our soldiers. The Methodist Church followed its lead ; and now the Lutheran, the Baptist, the United Presbyterian, the Congregational and Episcopal denominations have appointed committees to co-operate with ours in urging upon Congress the necessary legislation for elevating the character of our military service. Our General Assembly, in 1890 and 1891, has taken strong ground on this subject, and has recommended the Synods to prosecute this matter by States, in order thus to rouse public sentiment as to the improvement so urgently needed.

Some changes for the better have already been secured. Among these may be mentioned the discontinuance of post-traders ; the abolition of Sunday morning inspections and Sunday evening parades ; the recent legislation providing for discharge at the end of three years, instead of five, or even sooner by reimbursing the government for certain expenses ; the requiring of certificates of good character from recruits prior to enlistment ; the change in the location of recruiting stations from cities to rural districts ; all of which measures will be uplifting in their effect.

But other helps are required for the elevation of the soldier. It is still true that we have no adequate provision for his moral and religious training. In some quarters, subtle influences oppose or discourage all attempts at religious instruction for our troops. Others desire only *that* form of religion which ends in the ceremonial, and is allied to a dress-parade of piety. What is needed at once in our army is provision at every military post for a chapel and a chaplain, a library and a reading-room open to all, and a gymnasium and other health appointments similar to our best Christian Association buildings. At present, with 104 posts, we have but 34 chaplains, and less than 20 chapels for the entire army. There are no library buildings, and but few available books. Barracks are still built to include an entire company of men, and thus the good and the bad are huddled together in a contact and a publicity constant and unavoidable by day and night. This degrading intimacy and lack of privacy could easily be remedied by subdivision of quarters. All vices flourish under the present barrack system.

Since our last report, the United Christian Commission, a society for reforming these abuses, has held its first annual meeting in Washington, and on Sunday, December 14th, a public mass-meeting was held in one of the largest churches of that city. The Hon. Redfield S. Proctor, Secretary of War, presided over this assembly, and in his opening address cited the indomitable army of Cromwell as proving that the higher the moral character of an army may be, the more effective will be its service for attack or defence. Other speakers urged the need of some competent religious teacher at every military post, and that he have every modern appliance for successful work. It was insisted with great force that a moral qualification should be required as a condition of promotion; that no officer who is addicted to gambling or to drink ought to hope for promotion, whatever may chance to be his seniority in rank; that all gambling among officers or soldiers should be prohibited by the Articles of War, and that the barrack-room should be divided into squad-rooms, thus enabling men of like tastes to associate together, and separating the vicious from the well-disposed.

A bill, embodying these and other reforms and framed by the Army Chaplains in conference, was introduced during the 51st Congress, by the chairman of the House Military Committee, and favorably reported to the House. It had the approval of that Christian soldier and statesman, President Harrison, as well as the endorsement of the Secretary of War and of many army officers of high rank. A majority of both Houses had agreed to vote for this bill, but it failed of passage because it could not be reached before adjournment.

A similar measure, called "The Army Chaplains Bill," will be presented at the next session of Congress. It has been drafted purely in the highest interests of the service, and expresses the convictions of not less than ten millions of actual communicants of Christian churches, as set forth in the recommendations of their deliberative bodies throughout our land. It aims to restore to civil life the American soldier, at the expiration of his enlistment, in such condition of person and character as to be an honor to his country and to his home.

Many of the most important garrisons of our army are included within the limits of this Synod. In view of this fact, and also of the need of increased moral and religious instruction for the enlisted men of every arm of the military service, your Committee recommends:

That this body requests the members of all our Sessions and congregations throughout the Synod, to use their personal influence with Congressmen, in securing the early passage of "The Army Chaplains Bill," and in furthering any other measures devised for the improvement of the moral condition of our soldiers.

The Committee to Nominate Visitors to Theological Seminaries, etc., reported recommending the following appointments, and the recommendation was adopted:

AUBURN SEMINARY: *Ministers*—Judson Swift, D. D., J. Wilford Jacks, Robert L. Bachman, D. D., John Paul Egbert, Alfred H. Fahnestock; *Elders*—John E. Myer, John C. Tucker, Levi T. Hamilton.

UNION SEMINARY: *Ministers*—George B. Spalding, D. D., J. Ritchie Smith, Samuel Dunham, James C. Russell, Frank H. Hinman; *Elders*—Hon. Horace E. Smith, Henry White, Horace B. Silliman, I. L. D.

UNIVERSITY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK: *Ministers*—James H. Taylor, D. D., Edward L. Clark, D. D., N. Beall Remick, D. D., Edward M. Deems, Allen Macy Dulles; *Elders*—Sanford R. Knapp, Henry Parsons, A. Noel Blakeman.

ADAMS COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE: *Ministers*—Theodore F. Jessup, William H. Bates, James R. Robinson, Charles F. Janes, Almon R. Hewitt; *Elders*—George R. Bell, George W. Knowlton, Arvin Rice.

The following were appointed the Permanent Committee on the Observance of the Lord's Day:

Ministers—Robert L. Bachman, D. D., Edward Hunting Rudd, Hugh P. McAdam, D. D., J. Wilford Jacks; *Elders*—Rodolphus C. Briggs, John H. Shearer, Samuel F. Bagg.

The Committee on Systematic Beneficence was designated to receive the answers of the Presbyteries on the Plan for a Missionary Congress.

An invitation to a reception at the home of Mrs. O. V. Brainard, immediately after this evening's session, was presented and accepted.

Adjourned until Friday at half-past eight o'clock A. M.

Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 23, 8.30 o'clock A. M.

The Synod met and spent half an hour in devotional services, Elder Peter Carter presiding.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of Thursday's sessions were read and approved.

The following report was adopted:

The Committee appointed last year to consider a readjustment of the boundaries of the Presbyteries of Chemung, Geneva and Steuben, so as to provide for what may be best for all, reports as follows:

Inasmuch as the Presbytery of Chemung desires the churches connected with it to remain in its connection, and as the severing of the relation of some of these is the only change which under the circumstances could be made,

It is therefore recommended that there be no change made in the boundaries of these Presbyteries.

The Committee of Visitors to Auburn Theological Seminary presented the following report, which was accepted :

The Committee performed its duties as well as it was able. These duties are largely indefinite and optional. The Committee, however, attended the final examinations of the year, and the closing public exercises, and inspected the facilities for the instruction and accommodation of students. The work of the instructors is well and thoroughly done. The students, in the main, seemed earnest and enthusiastic in their work, and devout in spirit. The dormitory accommodations are adequate, agreeable and healthful. The campus is ample and beautiful. The library building is a fine one, with a good start toward adequacy in a working supply of books. But the Seminary lacks funds applicable to this purpose, for a permanent librarian in constant attendance, and for suitably arranging its rooms for studies of students in immediate access to the books they need. It also lacks miserably in chapel and recitation and lecture room facilities. It has no gymnasium for systematic physical culture and development.

Its presidential chair and that of Biblical Theology are unfilled and unendowed; and some of its other chairs have but an inadequate provision for the maintenance of the professors. The Synod should take effective measures for the speedy remedy of these deficiencies. Nevertheless, the Seminary is doing a great and good work, and the Synod may rest with entire confidence in the soundness of its theology, and the thoroughness of its instruction in all the branches which go to the full equipment of its candidates for the ministry. The chair of Homiletics and Pastoral Theology is happily filled by the newly elected professor, Rev. Arthur S. Hoyt.

The Seminary is commended to the prayers, the gifts and the confidence of all the churches, and of all who are seeking ample equipment for the Gospel Ministry.

The Committee of Visitors to Union Theological Seminary presented an informal report, which was accepted.

On the recommendation of the Nominating Committee, the following were appointed

THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Presbytery of Albany—Mrs. Henry March, Mrs. James W. Mairs, Mrs. Isaac V. W. Grant, Miss Mary G. Rice, Mrs. Lucy C. Lester, Miss Janet N. Templeton, Mrs. William N. Strong, Mrs. David N. Kirk, Mrs. Stephen Sanford, Mrs. M. S. Dewey.

Binghamton—Mrs. Howard Elmer, Mrs. G. Parsons Nichols, Miss Ida Storrs, Miss Editha Stevens, Mrs. Charles Gale, Mrs. J. S. Leverett, Mrs. James W. Manier.

Boston—Miss Elizabeth N. Kimball, Miss Jennie F. McKissick, Mrs. James A. F. McBain, Miss Fanny G. Bray, Mrs. J. P. Newell.

Brooklyn—Mrs. Darwin R. James, Mrs. James M. Ham, Mrs. David M. Miller, Mrs. Oscar E. Boyd, Mrs. Hiram B. Jackson, Mrs. Delos E. Finks, Mrs. W. A. M. Grier, Mrs. Lewis R. Foote, Mrs. James Cruickshank, Mrs. George H. Pilsbury, Miss Ella McKee, Miss Helen M. Wells.

Buffalo—Mrs. Henry Childs, Mrs. Louis M. Kimball, Mrs. William H. Walker, Mrs. Herman Mynter, Mrs. William F. Wheeler, Mrs. F. R. Eaton, Mrs. James N. Adam, Mrs. J. C. Bryant, Mrs. J. W. Grosvenor.

Cayuga—Mrs. Levi T. Hamilton, Mrs. William H. Hubbard, Mrs. Henry G. Wise, Mrs. Edward P. Sprague, Mrs. Ezra A. Huntington.

Champlain—Mrs. Joseph Gamble, Mrs. Chandler N. Thomas, Miss W. S. Childs, Miss Nellie Hopkins.

Chemung—Mrs. Alexander O. Peloubet, Miss Harriet Ely, Mrs. Henry W. Strang, Mrs. Allen F. De Camp, Mrs. A. W. Gray.

Columbia—Mrs. George C. Yeisley, Mrs. Benjamin Way, Mrs. Daniel L. Penfield, Mrs. H. H. Kellogg, Miss L. F. Ingraham, Miss Alice Day, Mrs. C. C. Peck, Mrs. Charles Stedman.

Genesee—Mrs. Cassius H. Dibble, Mrs. Gardner Fuller, Mrs. A. M. Wickes, Miss Fannie J. Buxton, Mrs. John C. Long, Mrs. Butler Ward.

Geneva—Mrs. Thompson C. Maxwell, Miss Helen A. Hawley, Mrs. B. F. Prichard, Mrs. E. H. Dickinson, Mrs. N. Grimes.

Hudson—Mrs. Charles Beattie, Mrs. Alfred Neafie, Mrs. Seth B. Cole, Mrs. Henry H. Farnum, Mrs. F. M. Cummings.

Long Island—Mrs. Ephraim Whitaker, Miss Mary H. Howell, Mrs. P. R. Reilly, Miss Amelia Smith, Mrs. William H. Littell, Miss Sara J. Adams, Mrs. Edgar Wade.

Lyons—Mrs. Horace Eaton, Mrs. A. Parke Burgess, Mrs. Phebe A. Vary, Miss B. B. Ryerson, Miss Mary A. Aldrich, Mrs. R. F. Stoddard.

Nassau—Mrs. J. R. Mowbray, Mrs. Peter D. Oakey, Mrs. Samuel T. Carter, Miss Florence N. McCormick, Mrs. Alexander G. Russell.

New York—Mrs. John Sinclair, Mrs. William F. Lee, Mrs. George D. Phelps, Mrs. Edward N. Crosby, Mrs. William H. Wickham, Miss Mary T. Magill, Mrs. A. B. Browning, Mrs. James S. Ramsay, Mrs. Kiliaen Van Rensselaer, Mrs. Silas B. Brownell, Mrs. Newton Ammerman, Miss Minerva E. Rogers, Miss S. F. Lincoln.

Niagara—Mrs. Daniel Clarke, Mrs. Robert Norton, Mrs. George S. Hutchinson, Mrs. H. C. Cornell, Mrs. Joshua S. Helmer, Mrs. Claudius L. Hoag.

North River—Mrs. Hector Craig, Mrs. Charles J. Howell, Miss Anna S. Ludlum, Miss Emma G. Wheeler, Mrs. LeRoy Cooley.

Otsego—Mrs. Pliny F. Sanborne, Miss Catharine Roseboom, Mrs. James H. Robinson, Miss Mary L. Abell, Mrs. W. H. Wilson.

Rochester—Mrs. William Alling, Mrs. Sarah J. Nichols, Mrs. Josiah E. Kittredge, Miss Frances E. Lauderdale, Mrs. Carrie E. West, Mrs. Julia M. Davis, Mrs. Edward Bristol, Mrs. Helen S. Sylvester.

St. Lawrence—Mrs. L. Merrill Miller, Mrs. Charles Anthony, Miss Elizabeth A. Clarke, Mrs. H. C. Deane, Mrs. Lewis R. Webber, Miss P. F. Hubbard.

Steuben—Mrs. Francis A. Williams, Miss Mary Lockhart, Mrs. J. O. Gillette, Mrs. Stanley C. Swift, Mrs. George W. Nichols, Mrs. Benton McConnell, Mrs. William H. Rice.

Syracuse—Mrs. Allen Butler, Mrs. N. E. Dow, Mrs. H. A. Allen, Mrs. J. E. Myers, Mrs. W. M. Smith, Mrs. Chauncey Bronson, Mrs. L. E. Phillips, Mrs. James Frazee, Mrs. Abbie M. Bond.

Troy—Mrs. Edward N. Dauchy, Miss Elizabeth A. S. Eddy, Mrs. Robert H. McClellan, Miss Lucy H. Sherman, Mrs. Herman Goodman, Mrs. W. W. Rockwell, Mrs. H. L. Wilds, Mrs. R. H. Ward.

Utica—Mrs. John C. Gallup, Miss Sarah Gilbert, Mrs. George Curran, Miss Helen C. Blue, Miss Adeline Loomis, Miss Helen E. Wells, Mrs. J. B. Morse, Mrs. James H. Williams.

Westchester—Mrs. Thornton M. Niven, Jr., Mrs. Stanton Cady, Miss Olivia B. Walsh, Mrs. Sanford R. Knapp, Mrs. M. G. Randall, Miss C. B. Wheeler.

Elder Joseph C. Batchelor was appointed on the Permanent Committee on Synodical Aid, in place of Hon. Edward C. Walker, resigned.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod most gratefully acknowledges the delightful hospitality so kindly and cordially extended to it last evening, at her residence, by Mrs. Mary Hooker Brainard, and requests the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements to convey to Mrs. Brainard the compliments and thanks of the Synod.

The Rev. Walter Laidlaw addressed the Synod in behalf of the Board of Missions for Freedmen.

It was

Resolved, That the Synod calls the attention of its Presbyteries to the recommendation of the Assembly, Minutes of 1891, page 90, urging larger and more general contributions to this object from all the churches.

The following minute was adopted unanimously :

The Synod recognizes with special heartiness the cordial welcome extended to it by the First Church, the Stone Street Church, and the citizens of Watertown, and expresses its warmest thanks for the generous hospitality which has been so abundantly enjoyed by its members, for the admirable work of the Committee of Arrangements, and for the kind assistance of the choir in the public services during these sessions.

The Synod presents its thanks also to the press of the city for the excellent reports of the proceedings, and to the railway companies for the courtesies extended to the delegates.

The Rev. Allen Macy Dulles responded for the Committee of Arrangements.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that permission had been granted to the following members to retire before the close of the sessions :

Presbytery of Albany: Ministers—Charles H. Baldwin, Alfonso R. Olney, Andrew V. V. Raymond, Munroe Drew; Elders—Horace E. Smith, T. Romeyn Bunn.

Binghamton: Minister—Smith Ordway.

Boston: Elder—Oliver O. Jones.

Brooklyn: Ministers—Donald McLaren, Louis Wolferz; Elders—Joseph A. Burr, Robert Gillies.

Buffalo: Minister—John McMaster.

Champlain: Minister—John F. Humphreys.

Chemung: Ministers—Isaac Jennings, James C. Russell, Bryce K. Douglas ;
Elder—Henry M. Hillerman.

Columbia: Elder—Lucius W. Layman.

Genesee: Minister—James A. Anderson ; Elders—C. Herbert Foster, William R. Halbert.

Geneva: Elder—John V. R. Clark.

Long Island: Minister—Clarence H. Wilson ; Elder—William H. Youngs.

Lyons: Minister—Matthew Gaffney.

Nassau: Ministers—Charles Rutherford, J. Howard Hobbs ; Elder—Ephraim B. Carpenter.

New York: Ministers—James Chambers, A. Woodruff Halsey, Wilton M. Smith, George L. Spining, Charles L. Thompson ; Elders—Peter Carter, Robert Beggs, Samuel Q. Brown.

Niagara: Elder—B. Wheaton Clark.

North River: Minister—James Wyckoff ; Elder—Alfred B. Smith.

Otsego: Minister—James O. Denniston ; Elder—Eleazar R. Fuller.

Rochester: Ministers—John H. Williams, George V. Reichel.

St. Lawrence: Minister—George O. Phelps ; Elder—John A. Vance.

Steuben: Ministers—Marcus N. Preston, Edward M. Deems ; Elder—Sebastian G. Lewis.

Syracuse: Minister—Edward H. Adriance.

Troy: Ministers—William M. Johnson, Albert S. Mays ; Elders—John H. Smith, Edward N. Dauchy.

Utica: Ministers—Horace H. Allen, Wilson B. Parmelee ; James H. Taylor, Hugh P. McAdam, Charles S. Richardson, Theodore F. Jessup ; Elders—Frederick S. Oliver, Seth K. Blair, Lewis T. Sherrill, Henry Waterbury.

Westchester: Ministers—Arthur Requa, Charles S. Lane ; Elders—Francis W. Marsh, A. Noel Blakeman, Edward B. Cristy.

The report was accepted.

The several Standing Committees, having no further business to present, were discharged.

The Treasurer was authorized to pay the usual salaries and the bills for the expenses of the Synod.

The Rev. J. McClellan Holmes, D. D., Rev. Charles E. Dunn, and Elder Edward P. Durant, of the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. Samuel Dunham, of the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Elder Charles R. Barber, M. D., of the Presbytery of Rochester, sent reasons for non-attendance, which were sustained.

The roll was called, and the following members were found to be absent without leave :

Presbytery of Buffalo : Minister—Albert W. Allen.

Cayuga : Minister—Francis R. Wade.

Champlain : Elders—Henry W. Derby, S. Harvey Churchill.

Columbia : Minister—Daniel I. Morrison.

Genesee : Elder—Charles E. Loomis.

Long Island : Elder—Edward L. Gerard.

New York : Elders—Henry R. Elliot, Frederick Blume.

Niagara : Elder—Robert Anderson.

North River : Elder—Nathan Williams.

Rochester : Elders—Darius L. Coville, Gerritt S. Casey, Seth J. Arnold.

St. Lawrence : Minister—James Robertson; Elders—Calvin T. Hulburd, David K. Storie.

Troy : Minister—William Fraser; Elder—Alexander M. Sherman.

Utica : Minister—Charles W. Rice.

The minutes of the day's session were read and approved.

The business having been completed, the Synod adjourned to meet at the call of the Moderator.

Closed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction.

J. WILFORD JACKS,

Permanent Clerk.

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I. PASTORAL LETTER.

With thanksgiving to God for the favor shown to its Churches, for the grace that has been vouchsafed through the preaching of the word, and for the spirit of love to the Master and of devotion to his service that has characterized, so largely, those who have been called into the fellowship of the Gospel, the Synod of New York sends greetings to all the Churches affiliated with it.

To us God has given a goodly heritage purchased for us at a great price, confirmed by the testimony of faithful witnesses who sealed their testimony with their blood, and authenticated by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

For all that has been done through the ministry and members of other communions we render devout thanksgiving. They are wielding an influence most potent for good, and that will be as lasting as eternity. They are co-workers in lifting men from sin to God, and in preparing the world for Christ's ultimate and universal reign. Yet, we rejoice in the special adaptation of the Presbyterian Church, in its ministry, its polity, its worship, and its discipline, to reach and evangelize the masses, to lay solid and permanent foundations of Christian principles, to develop the religious character, to furnish the loftiest motives for consecrated service, and to call it into efficient exercise. While, however, we so speak, it is far from true that we have fully met the responsibility laid upon us. We have not, as we should have done, reached out hearts and hands to those who have been calling for succor, nor have we proclaimed, with apostolic zeal, that Gospel which is the power of God unto salvation. The outcome of ministerial labor and Christian service, and of educational and evangelistic agencies, has by no means been such as in our best moments we desire, nor as we are warranted by the great commission to expect.

What is needed, if the Church is to accomplish its heaven-ordained mission, in view of the adverse influences with which it has to contend, is a firmer hold upon the fundamental truths of the Gospel, a consuming love for the souls of men, a more unreserved consecration to the Master, larger dependence upon power from on high, a tongue of fire to proclaim the great salvation, and great expectations of spiritual results.

In order to this, the Synod calls upon its ministers, elders and members to hold with unflinching firmness to the Bible as the word of God, revealing and developing the rule of life and the plan of salvation. We are living in an age of doubt, marked by a growing tendency to measure the truths of revelation by the narrow span even of man's largest attainments. Hold fast to that word which is stamped with the approval of Christ himself, and tested by the experience of many generations of believers. It has proved itself worthy of all confidence. It has brought salvation to many a lost one, and lighted many a wanderer from earth to heaven.

The Synod calls upon all to remember that the great central truth, around which all else revolves, and for the unfolding of which all else is recorded, is redemption purchased by the sufferings and death of the Son of God. This is the Gospel. There is "none other name under heaven," nor is there any other way by which the lost can be

saved. This it is the mission of the Church to publish, and to illustrate by godly living. Salvation is neither a creed nor a fancy. It is not the bare anticipation of a life of bliss after death. It is deliverance from sin,—its guilt, its bondage, its power,—a deliverance without which our religion is only a delusion, and our doctrines are meaningless forms of words. It is to be feared that there is a widespread tendency to regard sin as a weakness, an error, a blemish which can be easily corrected, and not as “the abominable thing” that God hates. If we lose sight of the doctrine of sin, or fail to present it as the only thing that separates man and God, inherent in every man that comes into the world, and exposing to “the wrath and curse of God,” or if we prize religion only for its incidental and reformatory influence, we take from the ministry and from the Church of God all that makes them worthy of the attention of men, and expose them to that indifference and neglect that are at the present time the occasion of serious and anxious complaint, and sore discouragement. Let us bring the Gospel to lost men as a living doctrine and a vital force, and they will welcome it.

Still farther, the Head of the Church has committed to you a most solemn trust. The Church is set not only for the maintenance of the truth, but for the perpetuation and dissemination of it. It has committed to it a generation in covenant relations to be instructed in Bible truth, and to be moulded into Christian character. The children in your households are not creatures to be clothed and fed merely. They are born for immortality. They are the Lord’s heritage. Care for the children in your families as members of the flock. See to it that they are “planted in the house of the Lord,” if you would have them to “flourish in the courts of our God.” Familiarize them with religion as inseparable from the well ordered Christian household. Let there be “the church in the house.” Bring them up in “the nurture and admonition of the Lord.” Instruct them in the doctrine and polity of the Church to the privileges of which they are born. Never let the Shorter Catechism grow obsolete. See to it that the children grow up into the fellowship of their own Church, so that from them there not only may be an unfailing source of supply, but that they may become its staunchest defenders, and its most earnest and effective advocates. Call it by what name you will, let there be a society of Christian Endeavor. We need the young as a working element, if we are to have a working Church. But, still farther, call into active exercise *all* the working force of the Church, for its own healthful development, and for the good of those ready to perish, that so there may be built up a higher type of Christian manhood and womanhood, and a revenue of souls be gathered into the kingdom of God. See to it that the interest in the prayer meeting of the Church is maintained, and let every member be made to feel a personal responsibility for it. Remember that prayer is the Church’s strong arm. It takes hold of the Most High. It wrests blessings from the Almighty. It brings God near to us. It gives to the Church a celestial atmosphere. It ensures to the agencies of the Church success in all that she undertakes for the glory of God.

But there is devolved upon the Churches the duty of giving the Gospel to those who are still in the darkness of heathenism, to those in our own land who are as yet dependent upon the Church at large for the means of grace, and to weak Churches within our own territorial limits. Humanity demands this. Our relation to Christ, the great exemplar in all missionary labor, demands this. Our covenant vows demand it. That prayer, “Thy Kingdom Come,” which should be the burden of every Christian’s cry, lays us under the most binding obligations.

Our religion must go down into our pockets. This Synod has an immense field to be cared for, weak Churches to be strengthened, dying Churches to be nursed back again to

life, and for all this money is needed. It must be forthcoming in abundance, or the cause of our divine Master will suffer. Let all ministers, officers and church members see to it that the Church contributes according to its means to the work of evangelization in this Empire State, and in New England.

Do this, and through the Gospel faithfully proclaimed "The Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

"Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

ASA S. FISKE,

Moderator.

T. RALSTON SMITH,

Stated Clerk.

ALEXANDER W. SPROULL,

ALFRED J. HUTTON,

FREDERICK M. HOYT,

Committee.

II. REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SYNODICAL AID PLAN.

I. The Synod shall undertake the work of caring for its weak churches, except those included in the Presbytery of Boston, entirely apart from the Board of Home Missions.

II. The following plan of sustentation shall be adopted:

1. In order that the work of the Synod may in no way interfere with the general work of the Board of Home Missions, every church in the Synod is enjoined to make, annually as heretofore, a contribution to the funds of that Board.

2. The moneys raised for the purpose hereinafter specified, shall be called "The New York Synodical Aid Fund," and shall take the place of contributions to the sustentation department of the Board of Home Missions.

3. The Synod shall appoint a committee of ten members, two from the bounds of each of the former Synods, to hold office for two years, one-half of the number to be elected at each annual meeting. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all funds contributed for Synodical aid, and to appoint a treasurer, who shall make payment of the same as directed in section 6. The committee shall meet annually, before the meeting of the Synod or in connection with it, to make an estimate of the amount needed to carry on the work of Synodical aid for the ensuing year, to recommend the amount that each Presbytery shall be authorized to draw from the fund, and to recommend to the

Synod such measures as the committee may deem best for securing the amount needed. The Stated Clerk of the Synod shall certify to the committee the amount which each Presbytery is authorized to draw for the ensuing year.

4. Each Presbytery shall have full authority to distribute the funds allotted to it by the Synod, subject to the following conditions :

(1.) The Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery shall have a personal conference with the Elders, before recommending churches to the Presbytery for aid.

(2.) The Presbytery shall endeavor to group contiguous churches receiving aid from this fund. The exceptions shall be only where churches give evidence of speedily becoming self-supporting.

(3.) Ordinarily the Presbytery shall require, from each church receiving aid, a total contribution to the salary of the pastor equal at least to seven dollars per member.

(4.) If for any reason a Presbytery fails to use the whole of its allotment, the remainder shall be subject to the control of the Synod.

5. Each Presbytery, through the chairman of its Home Mission Committee, shall, on or before October 1st, each year, send to the Synodical Aid Committee an estimate of the aid needed for the coming year by the weak churches within its bounds, in order that the Committee, upon a review of the same, may inform the Synod at its ensuing session, what is the total amount necessary to be raised.

6. It shall be the duty of each minister or missionary receiving aid from this fund to make a full report of his work, on the first day of January, April, July and October, on blanks furnished for the purpose, to the chairman of the Committee on Home Missions, in the Presbytery within whose bounds he labors ; and upon the receipt and approval of such report the chairman shall issue to such minister or missionary, his order on the committee for the amount appropriated by the Presbytery for such service.

7. The Synod enjoins the churches to make contributions to this fund the first lien on their home missionary offerings.

8. In accordance with the instructions of the General Assembly, (Minutes of 1883, page 644,) the salaries of those in charge of aided churches shall be so proportioned as to give in each case an adequate support. Under this plan, until otherwise ordered by the Synod, the minimum salary of those doing full work shall be \$700. The parsonage, if there be one, shall be reckoned at the annual rental value, as a part of the salary. Special arrangements may be made with those doing partial work.

9. All ministers serving churches which receive aid from this fund shall be installed as pastors as soon as practicable. It is expected also that churches receiving aid will contribute annually, as is the duty of all our churches, not only to this fund, but to all the Boards and Funds of the Church.

10. Churches which are aided from the New York Synodical Aid Fund shall be served only by ministers approved by the Presbytery with which the churches are connected.

11. In order to the effective prosecution of this plan, and also to a thorough evangelization of our field, by the reviving of old churches and the organization of new ones, the Synod, with the exception of the territory covered by the Presbytery of

Boston, shall be divided into two districts, and for each of these there shall be appointed a Synodical Superintendent of weak and vacant churches and mission fields.

12. The first of these districts shall comprise the Presbyteries of Albany, Binghamton, Brooklyn, Champlain, Columbia, Hudson, Long Island, Nassau, New York, North River, Otsego, St. Lawrence, Troy, Utica and Westchester.

The second district shall consist of the Presbyteries of Buffalo, Cayuga, Chemung, Genesee, Geneva, Lyons, Niagara, Rochester, Steuben and Syracuse.

13. The Synodical Superintendents shall be appointed by the Synod, at a salary not to exceed \$1,500 per annum and expenses while on the field; the same to be paid quarterly out of the Synodical Aid Fund. They shall act in each Presbytery on the invitation, and under the direction, of the Committee of that Presbytery having charge of weak and vacant churches, and shall devote their time and efforts to the encouragement of weak churches, the procuring of pastors or supplies for vacant churches, the organization of new churches, and the general fostering and development of Presbyterianism throughout their respective districts. They shall report the results of their labors to the Synod at each annual meeting.

14. The Synod, at its annual session, shall apportion the gross amount which it approves for the next year, among the several Presbyteries of the Synod included in this plan, according to the number of their communicants; and each Presbytery shall apportion the amount assigned as its quota, among the churches within its bounds, according to their financial ability.

III. REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

I. THE PRESBYTERY OF ALBANY consists of sixty-five ministers and fifty churches, and has under its care one licentiate and eight candidates.

Ministers received:

October 29, 1890, Rev. George N. Karner, from the Presbytery of Boston;

December 9, Rev. Paul C. Thyholdt, from the Presbytery of New York, Rev. Robert A. Hill, from the Presbytery of Pittsburgh, and Rev. Walter Quincy Scott, D. D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central;

April 21, 1891, Rev. James McLeod, D. D., from the Presbytery of Indianapolis;

June 9, Rev. George L. McClelland, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;

September 22, Rev. Isaac O. Best, from the Presbytery of Utica, Rev. Leslie R. Groves, from the Presbytery of Binghamton, and Rev. Walter Scott Brown, from the Classis of Albany.

Candidates received under care of Presbytery:

June 9, 1891, Philip H. Cole and Robert M. Blackburn;

September 22, Charles E. Rhoades, and John T. Stone.

Licensed:

April 22, 1891, John Calvin Knox;

June 9, Philip H. Cole.

Ordained:

October 29, 1890, John G. Lovell.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 29, 1890, between Rev. George K. Fraser and the Church at Northville;
 March 4, 1891, between Rev. Edward Huntingt Rudd and the Sixth Church, Albany;
 April 21, between Rev. Emerson G. Wicks and the Church at Sand Lake; and
 between Rev. James Eells and the Second Church of Saratoga Springs;
 August 8, between Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., and the Church at Esperance.

Installations:

October 29, 1890, Rev. John G. Lovell, over the Churches of Northampton and
 Batchellerville;
 November 18, Rev. George N. Karner, over the West End Church, Albany;
 December 17, Rev. Walter Quincy Scott, D. D., over the First Church, Albany;
 July 7, 1891, Rev. George L. McClelland, over the Church at Northville;
 September 22, Rev. Leslie R. Groves, over the Sixth Church, Albany;
 October 7, Rev. Daniel J. Many, Jr., over the Churches of Bethlehem and Hamilton
 Union;
 October 14, Rev. Walter Scott Brown, over the Church at Sand Lake.

Ministers dismissed:

October 29, 1890, Rev. George K. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Utica;
 March 4, 1891, Rev. Edward Huntingt Rudd, to the Presbytery of Niagara;
 April 21, Rev. James Eells, to the Presbytery of Jersey City, and Rev. Horace C.
 Stanton, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Kansas City;
 June 9, Rev. John C. Boyd, to the Classis of Montgomery, Rev. Emerson G. Wicks,
 to the Presbytery of Rochester, and Rev. William J. Thompson, to the Presbytery of
 Rio Grande;
 July 7, Rev. Joseph H. Thyne, to the Classis of Schenectady;
 September 22, Rev. Daniel W. Skellenger, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna, and
 Rev. John Dunlap, to the Presbytery of Montana.

Licentiates dismissed:

April 21, 1891, Walter H. Waygood, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia, North, and
 Peter McQueen, to the Classis of Westchester;
 June 9, John Calvin Knox, to the Classis of Schenectady;
 September 22, Philip H. Cole, to the Classis of Schenectady.

Church declared extinct:

September 22, 1891, the Church of East Nassau and Brainard.

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF BINGHAMTON consists of twenty-eight ministers and
 twenty-seven churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Minister received:

October 12, 1891, Rev. Marshall B. Angier, from the Mendon, Massachusetts,
 Association of Congregational Ministers.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1891, Henry Rufus Fancher, Edgar M. Smead, Fred E. Walton ;
September 22, Theodore L. Leverett.

License conferred :

April 21, 1891, on Henry Rufus Fancher.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

July 27, 1891, between Rev. Leslie R. Groves and the Church at McGrawville.

Ministers dismissed :

April 20, 1891, Rev. John Hutchison, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and Rev. Henry J. Crane, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna ;

July 27, Rev. Leslie R. Groves, to the Presbytery of Albany ;

September 22, Rev. Elijah L. Burnett, to the Presbytery of Los Angeles.

Licentiate transferred :

April 21, 1891, Henry Rufus Fancher, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Church dissolved :

April 21, 1891, Virgil.

III. THE PRESBYTERY OF BOSTON consists of fifty-five ministers and thirty-seven churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Ministers received :

November 24, 1890, Rev. David B. McMurdy, from the Presbytery of North River ;
December 9, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., from the Presbytery of Erie, and
Rev. William E. Westervelt, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;

April 22, 1891, Rev. John Ramsay, from the Presbytery of Minnedosa, Canada, and
Rev. Thomas M. Davies, from the York Association of Congregational Ministers ;

October 7, Rev. Frank H. Hinman, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, Rev. William
Fryling, from the Presbytery of Newark, Rev. Frank E. Mills, from the Derry Association
of Congregational Ministers, and Rev. John Joseph Hall, from the Vermont Association
of Congregational Ministers.

Candidates received :

October 7, 1891, William A. Lindsay, and Alden Clark Hutchinson.

Licentiate received and ordained :

May 20, 1891, William Courtland Robinson, received from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

October 8, 1890, between Rev. Andrew Burrows, D. D., and the Church at South
Boston ;

April 22, 1891, between Rev. Eben Muse and the Church at Quincy, and between Rev. John R. Crosser and the Church at Portland.

Installations :

November 24, 1890, Rev. David B. McMurdy, over the Church at Lynn ;
 December 23, Rev. William E. Westervelt, over the Church at Windham ;
 January 11, 1891, Rev. Martin D. Kneeland, D. D., over the Church at Roxbury ;
 May 20, Rev. William C. Robinson, over the Church at Portland ;
 October 13, Rev. Frank H. Hinman, over the Church at South Boston.

Ministers dismissed :

December 9, 1890, Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, to the Cumberland Association of Congregational Ministers ;

April 22, 1891, Rev. Andrew Burrows, D. D., to the Presbytery of Truro, Canada, and Rev. Robert J. Adamson, to the Presbytery of Toronto, Canada.

Name dropped :

October 8, 1891, Rev. William W. Newell having entered the Episcopal Church, his name was dropped from the roll.

Deceased :

March 18, 1891, at South Ryegate, Vt., Rev. Charles K. Canfield, aged 48 years ;
 July 23, at Quincy, Mass., Rev. Eben Muse, aged 51 years.

Churches organized :

October 13, 1890, the Globe Church of Fall River, Mass. ;
 November 24, the First Church of Lynn, Mass. ;
 June 23, 1891, at Olneyville, the Second Church of Providence, R. I.

IV. THE PRESBYTERY OF BROOKLYN consists of fifty-six ministers and thirty-four churches, and has under its care four licentiates and twelve candidates.

Ministers received :

December 1, 1890, Rev. David Gregg, D. D., from the New York Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church ;

April 20, 1891, Rev. Charles W. Wood, from the Presbytery of Troy, and Rev. John A. Billingsly, from the Classis of New York ;

June 1, Rev. Jerome Allen, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of New York, Rev. Arnold W. Fisiner, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, and Rev. John Hutchison, from the Presbytery of Binghamton ;

June 17, Rev. Harlan G. Mendenhall, from the Presbytery of Pembina.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 20, 1891, Frank Talmage, William C. Harriott and Willard P. Harmon ;
 October 5, Frank W. Hill and Kenneth Brown.

Licenses conferred :

April 20, 1891, on John T. Kern, Richard R. Stier and Edward W. Thwing.

Licentiates received :

June 1, 1891, John Erskine Adams, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central ;
October 5, R. S. Dawson, from the Presbytery of Transylvania.

Ordinations :

January 2, 1891, L. William Hones ;

June 17, John Erskine Adams.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

December 23, 1890, between Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., and the Clason Avenue Church ;

February 2, 1891, between Rev. Hartman F. Bernhart and the Hopkins Street Church ;

April 20, between Rev. Augustus B. Prichard and the Cumberland Street Church, and between Rev. J. Winthrop Hageman and the Franklin Avenue Church ;

May 21, between Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D., and the Second Church.

Installations :

October 21, 1890, Rev. Wilbur F. Wood, over the First Edgewater Church ;

December 14, Rev. David Gregg, D. D., over Lafayette Avenue Church ;

May 4, 1891, Rev. Augustus B. Prichard, over the Arlington Avenue Church ;

May 5, Rev. John A. Billingsly, over Bethany Church ;

June 17, Rev. John E. Adams over the Ross Street Church ;

June 18, Rev. Arnold W. Fisiner, over the Hopkins Street Church.

Ministers dismissed :

December 23, 1890, Rev. Leander T. Chamberlain, D. D., to the Presbytery of Philadelphia ;

April 20, 1891, Rev. George C. Lucas and Rev. William M. Martin, to the Presbytery of New York, Rev. George M. McCampbell, to the Presbytery of Dayton, and Rev. Alexander B. Riggs, D. D., to the Presbytery of Cincinnati ;

October 5, Rev. L. William Hones, to the North Classis of Long Island.

Licentiates transferred :

February 2, 1891, Thomas J. Shanks, to the Presbytery of Kingston, Canada ;

July 14, John T. Kern, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange ;

August 5, Richard R. Stier, to the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Deceased :

March 31, 1891, in Brooklyn, Rev. Samuel T. Spear, D. D., in the 80th year of his age ;

May 25, in Brooklyn, Rev. Henry J. Van Dyke, D. D., in the 70th year of his age.

V. THE PRESBYTERY OF BUFFALO consists of fifty-seven ministers and forty-three churches, and has under its care two licentiates and five candidates.

Ministers received:

March 5, 1891, Rev. William Burnett Wright, D. D., from the Congregational Church of New Britain, Ct. ;

April 14, Rev. Henry D. Lindsay, from the Presbytery of Lehigh ;

June 22, Rev. Nelson B. Chester, from the Presbytery of Long Island, and Rev. Charles L. Carhart from the Presbytery of Duluth ;

October 6, Rev. Edward M. Sharp, from the Presbytery of Walla Walla, and Rev. George S. Marsh, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

License conferred:

June 29, 1891, on Mr. John Gilmore Smith.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 25, 1890, between Rev. David L. McCrae and the Church in Jamestown ;

June 22, 1891, between Rev. William Taylor and the Church in Allegany.

Installations :

December 9, 1890, Rev. Edwin P. Robinson, over the Church in East Hamburg, (Orchard Park) ;

March 5, 1891, Rev. William Burnett Wright, D. D., over the Lafayette Street Church, Buffalo ;

July 14, Rev. Henry D. Lindsay, over the Church in Jamestown.

Ministers dismissed :

November 25, 1890, Rev. Benjamin C. Van Duzee, to the Erie County Quarterly Meeting of Free Baptists, and Rev. David L. McCrae, to the Presbytery of Montreal ;

April 14, 1891, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, to the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. George L. McClelland, to the Presbytery of Albany.

Licentiate transferred :

April 28, 1891, Mr. Alden D. Collins, to the Presbytery of Mahoning.

Deceased :

February 16, 1891, Rev. Sylvester Cowles, D. D., at Randolph, N. Y., in the 87th year of his age.

VI. THE PRESBYTERY OF CAYUGA consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care six licentiates and nine candidates.

Ministers received :

November 18, 1890, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, from the Presbytery of Niagara, Rev. William H. Shepp, from the Classis of Schuylkill of the Reformed Church, and Rev. Matthew G. Henry, from the Presbytery of Halifax, Canada ;

April 14, 1891, Rev. Henry Schlosser, from the Presbytery of Long Island, and Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, from the Presbytery of Genesee.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery :

November 18, 1890, Duncan A. MacPhie, Arthur E. Bradt, and Elmer S. Genung ;
October 30, 1891, H. Roswell Bates.

Licenses conferred :

April 14, 1891, on Walter Mitchell, Charles F. Richardson, and S. Seymour Phelps.

Licentiates received :

April 24, 1891, Henry R. Fancher ;
September 30, Wesley W. Cole.

Ordinations :

April 24, 1891, Charles F. Richardson ;
June 15, Henry R. Fancher.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

December 8, 1890, between Rev. David I. Biggar and the Church of Owasco ;
June 15, 1891, between Rev. Frank H. Hinman, Ph. D., and the Calvary Church,
Auburn ;
July 31, between Rev. Charles C. Hemenway and the Central Church, Auburn.

Installations :

November 18, 1890, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, over the Westminster Church,
Auburn.
December 2, Rev. William H. Shepp, over the Second Church, Geneva ;
April 24, 1891, Rev. Henry Schlosser, over the Church in Aurora ;
May 19, Rev. Horace T. Chadsey, over the Church in Owasco ;
June 15, Rev. Henry R. Fancher, over the Church in Springport.

Ministers dismissed :

November 18, 1890, Rev. Albert S. Hughey, to the Presbytery of St. Louis ;
April 13, 1891, Rev. David I. Biggar, to the Presbytery of Utica, and Rev. James W.
Seelye, to the Presbytery of Cairo ;
May 7, Rev. Charles F. Richardson, to the Presbytery of Central Dakota ;
September 30, Rev. Frank H. Hinman, Ph. D., to the Presbytery of Boston, and
Rev. Samuel C. Garlick, to the Presbytery of Geneva ;
October 1, Rev. Charles C. Hemenway, to the Presbytery of Palmyra.

Licentiate transferred :

September 30, 1891, Alfred E. Street, to the care of the Presbytery of Spokane.

Candidate transferred :

April 13, 1891, Hugh Jack, to the care of the Presbytery of Geneva.

Deceased :

January 4, 1891, Rev. John Jones, D. D., at Canoga, N. Y., in the 61st year of his age.

Miscellaneous :

June 15, 1891, Rev. Erastus W. Twichell was elected Treasurer of Presbytery.

July 31, 1891, Rev. Edward P. Sprague, D. D., Ph. D., was elected Stated Clerk of Presbytery.

VII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHAMPLAIN consists of nineteen ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Minister received :

September 15, 1891, Rev. Chalmers Martin, from the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Installation :

September 23, 1891, Rev. Chalmers Martin, over the Church in Port Henry.

Pastoral relation dissolved :

December 16, 1890, between Rev. Daniel Mackay and the Church in Fort Covington.

Minister dismissed :

December 16, 1890, Rev. Daniel Mackay, to the Presbytery of Steuben.

Church organized :

November 20, 1890, First Church of Rouse's Point.

VIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHEMUNG consists of twenty-nine ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 21, 1891, Rev. Charles O. Hanmer, from the Presbytery of Cayuga, and Rev. Thomas C. Roskelly, from the Presbytery of Otsego ;

June 23, Rev. Pliny F. Sanborne, and Rev. Henry T. Scholl, from the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, from the Presbytery of Columbia.

Licentiate received :

April 21, 1891, William H. Chapman, from the Presbytery of Lyons.

Dissolution of pastoral relations :

November 10, 1890, between the Rev. Stanley D. Jewell and the Church of Big Flats ;

June 23, 1891, between the Rev. Christian W. Winnie and the Churches of Tyrone and Pine Grove.

Ordination :

June 23, 1891, William H. Chapman.

Installation :

June 23, 1891, Rev. William H. Chapman, over the Franklin Street Church, Elmira.

Minister dismissed :

September 16, 1891, Rev. Stanley D. Jewell, to the Presbytery of Neosho.

Deceased :

May 2, 1891, at Elmira, Rev. Reuben H. Close, aged 90 years.

IX. THE PRESBYTERY OF CHILE consists of ten ministers and six churches.
[Minutes of the General Assembly, 1891.]

X. THE PRESBYTERY OF COLUMBIA consists of seventeen ministers and nineteen churches.

Ministers received :

January 26, 1891, Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, from the Presbytery of Troy ;

April 28, Rev. Henry P. Bake, from the Essex Association of Congregational Ministers ;

April 29, Rev. Chester C. Thorn, from the Presbytery of Utica.

Installation :

January 26, 1891, Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, over the Church at Catskill.

Minister dismissed :

April 28, 1891, Rev. Hiram H. Kellogg, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

XI. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENESEE consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Minister received :

April 14, 1891, Rev. William J. McKittrick, from the Presbytery of Hudson.

Licentiate ordained :

April 14, 1891, George H. Marsh.

Dissolution of pastoral relation :

January 13, 1891, between Rev. Allan D. Draper and the Church of Batavia.

Installation :

May 14, 1891, Rev. William J. McKittrick, over the Church of Batavia.

Ministers dismissed :

January 13, 1891, Rev. Allan D. Draper, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
 April 13, Rev. Lindley C. Rutter, to the Presbytery of Northumberland, and Rev.
 Horace T. Chadsey, to the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
 September 29, Rev. George H. Marsh, to the Presbytery of Buffalo.

Treasurer appointed :

January 13, 1891, Rev. John Wickes, in place of Rev. Allan D. Draper, resigned.

XII. THE PRESBYTERY OF GENEVA consists of twenty-eight ministers and twenty-three churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery :

April 22, 1891, Hugh Jack, from the Presbytery of Cayuga ;
 April 22, George L. Lerch.

Licensed :

April 22, 1891, Alexander K. McNaughton and Thomas Melvin.

Ordination :

May 19, 1891, Alexander K. McNaughton, as an evangelist.

Pastoral relations dissolved :

May 19, 1891, between Rev. John C. Lenhart and the Church of Manchester, to take effect June 1 ;

September 23, between Rev. J. Jermain Porter, D. D., and the Church of Phelps, to take effect October 1.

Installation :

November 18, 1890, Rev. William W. Weller, over the First Church of Geneva.

Ministers dismissed :

April 22, 1891, Rev. Edward C. Wiley, to the Presbytery of Utica ;
 August 31, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, to the Presbytery of Otsego, and Rev. Fenwick
 B. Fraser, to the Presbytery of Syracuse ;
 September 10, Rev. John C. Lenhart, to the Presbytery of Montana ;
 September 19, Rev. Alexander K. McNaughton, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence.

Deceased :

April 7, 1891, at Geneva, N. Y., Rev. Frederick E. Cannon, D. D., in the 92d year of his age.

XIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF HUDSON consists of forty-four ministers, and has under its care forty-four churches and two candidates.

Ministers received :

April 21, 1891, Rev. Adney Winslow Hallock, from the Presbytery of Long Island ;

May 1, Rev. George T. Galbraith, from the Presbytery of Niagara;
October 15, Rev. John H. Thompson, from the Presbytery of Troy.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

February 17, 1891, between Rev. William J. McKittrick and the Church of Florida;
April 21, between Rev. David F. Bonner and Goodwill Church, Rev. Thomas Fitzgerald and Amity Church, and Rev. Thomas Mack and Hempstead Church, to take effect July 18;

September 22, between Rev. George Bergen and White Lake Church.

Installations:

May 11, 1891, Rev. Adney Winslow Hallock, over the Stony Point Church;

June 23, Rev. George Bergen, over the White Lake Church;

July 7, Rev. David F. Bonner, over the Florida Church;

October 15, Rev. John H. Thompson, over the Goodwill Church.

Ministers dismissed:

February 17, 1891, Rev. William J. McKittrick, to the Presbytery of Genesee;

April 20, Rev. Herman A. Goff, to the Presbytery of Union;

April 21, Rev. Alexander S. Vaughan, to the Presbytery of Kingston.

Church organized:

April 14, 1891, the First Presbyterian Church of Congers.

XIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-four churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Ministers received:

April 21, 1891, Rev. Egbert C. Lawrence, Ph. D., from the Presbytery of Utica;

September 16, Rev. Abraham S. Gardiner, from the Presbytery of Aberdeen.

Licensed:

April 22, 1891, Daniel H. Overton.

Ordained:

April 22, 1891, Nelson B. Chester and Daniel H. Overton.

Pastoral relation dissolved:

September 16, 1891, between Rev. Ephraim Whitaker, D. D., and the Church of Southold, to take effect December 31.

Ministers dismissed:

April 22, 1891, Rev. Nelson B. Chester, to the Presbytery of Buffalo;

September 16, Rev. Daniel H. Overton, to the Presbytery of New York.

Deceased:

May 15, 1891, Rev. William Huntting, at Greenport, New York, in the 82d year of his age.

XV. THE PRESBYTERY OF LYONS consists of twenty-three ministers and eighteen churches, and has under its care four candidates.

Minister received:

October 7, 1891, Rev. Marcus E. Carver, from the Methodist Episcopal Conference of New Hampshire.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

October 7, 1891, Edwin W. Cady.

Licenses conferred:

April 15, 1891, on William H. Chapman, David L. Bradley and Dirk C. Dyk.

Ordained:

April 19, 1891, David L. Bradley.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

April 15, 1891, between Rev. Charles Ray and the Church of Rose.

Minister dismissed:

October 6, 1891, Rev. John D. English, to the Presbytery of Detroit.

Licentiate transferred:

April 15, 1891, William H. Chapman, to the Presbytery of Chemung.

XVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF NASSAU consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-five churches, and has under its care two candidates.

Minister received:

October 27, 1890, Rev. Charles Park, from the Presbytery of Lima.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 13, 1891, Mr. William H. Hendrickson;

October 6, Mr. James C. M. Johnston.

Licentiate received:

June 22, 1891, Mr. Walter M. Grafton, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.

Licentiate ordained:

June 22, 1891, Mr. Walter M. Grafton.

Pastoral relations dissolved:

October 27, 1890, between Rev. Samuel G. Griess and the Churches of Green Lawn and Commac;

November 10, between Rev. Lewis W. Barney and the Whitestone Church;

October 6, 1891, between Rev. George S. Bell and the Freeport Church, and Rev. Duncan M. Buchanan and the Church of Christian Hook.

Installations:

October 27, 1890, Rev. Charles Park, over the Astoria Church;
June 22, 1891, Rev. Walter M. Grafton, over the Whitestone Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 10, 1890, Rev. Lewis W. Barney, to the Presbytery of New York;
October 6, 1891, Rev. Duncan M. Buchanan, to the Presbytery of Lehigh.

Church organized:

May 21, 1891, Ravenswood.

April 13, 1891, Mr. Percy B. Bromfield, of Hempstead, was elected treasurer, to succeed Mr. William B. Robinson, resigned.

XVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW YORK consists of one hundred and fifty-four ministers and fifty-five churches, and has under its care sixteen licentiates and thirty-three candidates.

Ministers received:

November 10, 1890, Rev. Duncan J. McMillan, from the Presbytery of Montana, and Rev. William L. Moore, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;
January 12, 1891, Rev. Thomas Douglas, from the Naugatuck Valley Association of Congregational Ministers, and Rev. Lewis W. Barney, from the Presbytery of Nassau;
May 11, Rev. William A. Rice, from the Presbytery of Syracuse, and Rev. William M. Martin and Rev. George C. Lucas, from the Presbytery of Brooklyn;
October 5, Rev. Daniel H. Overton, from the Presbytery of Long Island, and Rev. Abbott L. R. Waite, from the Presbytery of Northumberland;
October 6, Rev. Henry M. Tyndall, from the Presbytery of Lake Superior.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

November 10, 1890, William R. Bennett, Chauncey W. Goodrich, Charles H. Murch, Ernest L. McCartney;
December 8, Ulrig Kocian;
January 12, 1891, Theodore L. Van Norden;
March 9, Maitland Alexander;
April 13, Thomas Macguire, Robert H. P. Miles.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

January 12, 1891, Edward T. Root, from the Associated Pastors of New Haven Central;
May 11, Maitland Alexander, Frederick G. Bebee, Chauncey W. Goodrich, Vacláv Losa, Francis Pokorny, Ernest L. McCartney, Daniel H. Rohrabough;
October 5, Charles Edwards.

Ordinations:

January 28, 1891, Herbert Ford and Edward T. Root;

May 17, Vacláv Losa and Francis Pokorny.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

January 12, 1891, between Rev. Samuel M. Hamilton, D. D., and the Scotch Church;

February 9, between Rev. David G. Wylie, Ph. D., and the Knox Church;

June 8, between Rev. William W. Page and the New York Church;

September 21, between Rev. Andrew H. Harshaw and the West 51st Street Church;

October 5, between Rev. Charles E. Herring and the East Harlem Church, and Rev. George H. Wells and the American Church, Montreal, Canada.

Installations:

November 10, 1890, Rev. George L. Spining, D. D., over the Phillips Church;

March 1, 1891, Rev. David G. Wylie, Ph. D., over the Scotch Church;

April 26, Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., over the 13th Street Church.

Ministers dismissed:

November 10, 1890, Rev. Paul C. Thyholdt, to the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Herman L. Jacot, to the Presbytery of Corisco;

January 12, 1891, Rev. John M. Worrall, to the Presbytery of Ebenezer;

March 9, Rev. George L. McNutt, to the Presbytery of San Francisco;

June 8, Rev. Vacláv Losa, to the Presbytery of Baltimore, and the Rev. José M. Lopez-Guillen, to the Manhattan Association of Congregational Ministers;

September 21, Rev. Andrew H. Harshaw, to the Presbytery of Topeka;

October 5, Rev. Hervey D. Griswold, to the Presbytery of Allahabad; Rev. Herbert M. Andrews, to the Presbytery of Furrukhabad; and Rev. George H. Wells, to the Congregational Association of Minneapolis.

Candidates transferred:

February 28, 1891, Dwight L. Parsons, to the Presbytery of Chicago;

March 27, James A. Miller, to the Presbytery of Steuben;

April 11, Joseph Bren, to the Presbytery of Milwaukee;

April 13, Henry R. White, to the Presbytery of Westchester;

July 31, Herbert A. Bradford, to the Presbytery of Montana.

Deceased:

March 29, 1891, in New York City, Rev. Howard Crosby, D. D., LL. D., in the 66th year of his age;

April 7, in New York City, Rev. Edward D. G. Prime, D. D., in the 78th year of his age;

April 13, in New York City, Rev. Erastus Seymour, in the 61st year of his age;

May 10, at Andover, Mass., the Rev. William W. Newell, D. D., in the 84th year of his age;

September 25, at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., the Rev. Samuel D. Burchard, D. D., in the 79th year of his age.

Name of Church changed:

October 6, the Dodge Memorial Church to Mount Tabor Church.

XVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF NIAGARA consists of twenty-one ministers and twenty churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 28, 1891, Rev. Theodore H. Peatchell, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Ontario, and Rev. Edward Hunting Rudd, from the Presbytery of Albany.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

April 28, 1891, Dean R. Leland.

Licentiates received:

April 28, 1891, S. Seymour Phelps, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

May 19, Henry K. Sanborne, from the Presbytery of Otsego.

Ordinations:

April 28, 1891, William C. Matthews, as an evangelist, and S. Seymour Phelps;

May 26, Henry K. Sanborne.

Installations:

May 19, 1891, Rev. Edward Hunting Rudd, over the First Church, Albion;

May 26, Rev. Henry K. Sanborne, over the North Church, Tonawanda;

July 1, Rev. S. Seymour Phelps, over the First Church, Somerset.

Ministers dismissed:

April 28, 1891, Rev. George T. Galbraith, to the Presbytery of Hudson;

September 22, Rev. William C. Matthews, to the Presbytery of Steuben, and Rev. George Strassenburg, M. D., to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Church enrolled:

April 30, 1891, North Church of Tonawanda.

Church transferred:

October 22, 1891, the First Church of East Kendall, to the Presbytery of Rochester, by act of the Synod.

XIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH LAOS consists of eight ministers and six churches. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1891.]

XX. THE PRESBYTERY OF NORTH RIVER consists of forty-two ministers and thirty churches, and has under its care one candidate for the ministry.

Ministers received:

November 18, 1890, Rev. Henry G. Birchby, from the Presbytery of New York;

April 20, 1891, Rev. Emory A. Nelson, from the Presbytery of Erie; Rev. Samuel Carruthers, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada; and Rev. John Jay Crane, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1891, Robert H. Beattie;
October 6, Charles Blackhurst Tolman.

Licentiates received and licenses conferred:

April 21, 1891, Robert H. Beattie;
July 27, Alexander R. Barron, from the Presbytery of Brandon, Canada.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

December 22, 1890, between Rev. W. Emory Henkell and the Church at Wappinger's Falls;
January 8, 1891, between Rev. David B. McMurdy and the Church at Highland Falls;
July 27, between Rev. David J. Atwater and the Church of Bethlehem.

Ordinations:

October 22, 1890, J. Scott King;
August 11, 1891, Alexander R. Barron.

Installations:

October 22, 1890, Rev. J. Scott King, over the Church at Little Britain;
November 18, Rev. Henry G. Birchby, over the Church at Smithfield;
May 5, 1891, Rev. Samuel Carruthers, over the Church at Wappinger's Falls;
May 18, Rev. Emory A. Nelson, over the Church at Freedom Plains;
August 11, Rev. Alexander R. Barron, over the Church at Highland Falls.

Ministers dismissed:

January 8, 1891, Rev. David B. McMurdy, to the Presbytery of Boston;
May 11, Rev. William E. Smith, to the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Licentiate dismissed:

May 11, 1891, Robert H. Beattie, to the Classis of Orange.

Dropped from the roll:

April 20, 1891, Rev. W. Emory Henkell, at his own request and upon information that he had joined another body.

XXI. THE PRESBYTERY OF OROOMIAH consists of ten ministers, and reports a supplementary roll of two missionaries and thirty-eight native ministers, with thirty-one churches, forty-five licentiates and eighteen candidates. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1891.]

XXII. THE PRESBYTERY OF OTSEGO consists of twenty-five ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care one licentiate and five candidates.

Ministers received:

April 29, 1891, Rev. Walter H. Ayers, from the Presbytery of Newton;
 May 4, Rev. Samuel R. Warrender, from the Presbytery of Buffalo;
 May 20, Rev. William H. Kelly, from the Oneida, Chenango and Delaware Association of Congregational churches;
 September 9, Rev. Henry H. Lipes, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Licenses conferred:

April 29, 1890, on Henry K. Sanborne.
 May 26, on Hector W. Cowan.

Licentiate received:

July 16, 1890, Herbert A. Perceval, from the Presbytery of Hamilton, Canada.

Ordinations:

May 26, 1890, Hector W. Cowan;
 July 16, Herbert A. Perceval.

Installations:

May 26, 1890, Rev. William H. Kelly, over the Church in New Berlin;
 July 16, Rev. Herbert A. Perceval, over the Church in Hamden.

Ministers dismissed:

November 25, 1890, Rev. Thomas C. Roskelly, to the Presbytery of Chemung;
 April 29, 1891, Rev. Pliny F. Sanborne and Rev. Henry T. Scholl, to the Presbytery of Chemung; Rev. Lawrence M. Stevens, to the Presbytery of South Florida; and Rev. James LaVelle, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange;
 September 9, Rev. Theophilus Beazley, to the Presbytery of San Francisco.

Licentiates transferred:

April 29, 1891, Henry K. Sanborne, to the Presbytery of Niagara;
 May 7, William C. Robinson, to the Presbytery of Boston.

XXIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF ROCHESTER consists of sixty-one ministers and forty-five churches, and has under its care one licentiate and ten candidates.

Ministers received:

November 10, 1890, Rev. John H. Williams, from the Presbytery of Monroe;
 April 27, 1891, Rev. Jerome B. Stillson, from the Presbytery of Chicago;
 June 13, Rev. Emerson G. Wicks, from the Presbytery of Albany;
 September 22, Rev. Barton W. Perry, from the Presbytery of Utica;
 October 8, Rev. George Strassenburg, from the Presbytery of Niagara.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 14, 1891, William J. Gregory, and Boon Itt.

Licenses conferred:

April 14, 1891, on Frank E. Bancroft and Vahn K. Beshgetoor.

Ordinations:

April 9, 1891, William P. McKenzie;

June 2, Frank E. Bancroft.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

November 10, 1890, between Rev. Robert K. Wick and the First and Second Churches of Sparta.

Installations:

May 7, 1891, Rev. George V. Reichel, over the Church in Brockport;

May 14, Rev. John H. Williams over the Church in Ogden.

Ministers dismissed:

November 10, 1890, Rev. Robert K. Wick, to the South Classis of Bergen, Reformed Church;

April 27, 1891, Rev. George W. Davis, to the Litchfield South Association.

Licentiate transferred:

April 14, 1891, Robert B. Stevens, to the Presbytery of West Jersey.

Deceased:

December 8, 1890, Rev. Jonathan Copeland, at Rochester, N. Y., aged 74 years;

August 11, 1891, Rev. Ferdinand DeW. Ward, D. D., in Switzerland, aged 79 years;

May 19, David Dickey, (licentiate), in Rochester, N. Y., aged 88 years.

Church organized:

October 8, 1891, Grace Church, Rochester, with 62 members.

Churches united:

April 14, 1891, the Union Corners Church was consolidated with the Tuscarora Church, the consolidated Church to be known as the Church of Tuscarora.

Church received:

October 22, 1891, the Church of East Kendall, from the Presbytery of Niagara, by act of the Synod.

XXIV. THE PRESBYTERY OF ST. LAWRENCE consists of thirty-three ministers and thirty-one churches, and has under its care three candidates.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1891, Rev. George O. Phelps, from the Presbytery of Utica; and Rev. James Robertson, from the Presbytery of Brockville, Ontario;

September 28, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, from the Presbytery of Utica; and Rev. Alexander K. McNaughton, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 29, 1891, John A. Roger.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

April 14, 1891, between Rev. George W. S. Wenrick and the Church of Theresa.

Installations:

June 5, 1891, Rev. George O. Phelps, over the Church of Potsdam;

September 29, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, over the Church of Morristown.

Ministers dismissed:

December 1, 1890, Rev. John King Baillie, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

April 14, 1891, Rev. George W. S. Wenrick, to the Presbytery of New Brunswick;

June 5, Rev. Frederick W. Johnson, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidate transferred:

April 14, 1891, John J. Jones, to the Upper Montgomery Hill Presbytery of Wales.

Deceased:

March 15, 1891, Rev. George A. Seeley, at Morristown, N. Y., aged 44 years.

Church received:

April 14, 1891, Scotch Church of Waddington.

XXV. THE PRESBYTERY OF SIAM consists of twelve ministers and seven churches, and has under its care three licentiates and one candidate. [Minutes of the General Assembly, 1891.]

XXVI. THE PRESBYTERY OF STEUBEN consists of twenty-seven ministers and twenty-six churches, and has under its care six candidates.

Minister received:

April 22, 1891, Rev. Daniel Mackay, from the Presbytery of Champlain.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 22, 1891, James A. Miller;

September 16, James S. Wilkes, and Hoffman T. Baumgarten.

License conferred:

April 22, 1891, on James A. Miller.

Ordinations and Installations:

October 7, 1890, William G. White, as pastor of the Church of Cuba;

July 8, 1891, James A. Miller, as pastor of the Church of Angelica.

Minister dismissed:

Rev. Edwin H. Burgess, to Presbytery of Edgerton, Nova Scotia.

Licentiate transferred:

April 22, 1891, Thomas J. Hedges, to the Presbytery of Council Bluffs.

Deceased:

January 28, 1891, Rev. Horatio Pattengill, D. D., at Corning, N. Y., aged 75 years.

Church organized:

February 17, 1891, Hartshorn Church at Hornellsville.

XXVII. THE PRESBYTERY OF SYRACUSE consists of thirty-three ministers and forty-one churches, and has under its care two licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

December 30, 1890, Rev. Silas E. Persons, from the Presbytery of Boulder;

April 13, 1891, Rev. Allan D. Draper, from the Presbytery of Genesee;

September 21, Rev. Henry L. Hoyt, from the Presbytery of Los Angeles; Rev. Samuel H. Meade, from the Presbytery of Lackawanna; Rev. Fenwick B. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Geneva.

Candidate taken under care of Presbytery:

September 21, 1891, Daniel Pratt.

Licenses conferred:

April 14, 1891, on S. Dwight Waterbury;

October 12, on John A. Ingham.

Installations:

October 28, 1890, Rev. Frank K. West, over the Churches of Whitelaw and Oneida Lake;

April 28, 1891, Rev. Allan D. Draper, over the Fourth Church of Syracuse.

Ministers dismissed:

December 30, 1890, Rev. Douglas P. Birnie, to the Suffolk West Association;

April 13, 1891, Rev. William A. Rice, to the Presbytery of New York;

April 14, Rev. Charles J. Howell, to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Licentiate transferred:

September 21, 1891, Wesley W. Cole, to the Presbytery of Cayuga.

April 14, 1891, the name of the Church at Cleveland was put on a retired list, until such time as divine service shall be resumed in that Church.

XXVIII. THE PRESBYTERY OF TROY consists of forty-eight ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care three candidates for the Gospel ministry.

Minister received:

March 11, 1891, Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, from the (Reformed) Classis of Schenectady.

Candidates taken under care of Presbytery:

April 21, 1891, Charles P. Lounsbury and George Allen.

License conferred:

April 21, 1891, on Charles P. Lounsbury.

Licentiates received:

June 3, 1891, Allan McDonald Paterson, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia;

July 28, James Cromie, from the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Ordinations:

April 21, 1891, Charles P. Lounsbury, as an evangelist;

June 3, Allan McDonald Paterson;

July 28, James Cromie.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

January 12, 1891, between Rev. Christopher G. Hazard and the Church of Schaghticoke;

March 11, between Rev. Melvin Elijah Hedding and the Church of Mechanicville;

September 29, between Rev. Andrew J. Fennel, D. D., and the Church of Glens Falls.

Installations:

November 11, 1890, Rev. Charles W. Blake, over the Church of Salem;

March 11, 1891, Rev. Herbert C. Hinds, over the Ninth Church of Troy;

June 3, Rev. Allan McD. Paterson, over the Church of Mechanicville;

July 28, Rev. James Cromie, over the Church of Schaghticoke.

Ministers dismissed:

December 9, 1890, Rev. Alexander Hill, to the (Reformed) Classis of Schenectady;

January 12, 1891, Rev. Christopher G. Hazard, to the Presbytery of Columbia;

March 11, Rev. C. W. Wood, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn; and Rev. Melvin E. Hedding, to the Presbytery of Muncie;

April 20, Rev. Isaac G. Ogden, to the (Reformed) Classis of Saratoga;

September 28, Rev. John H. Thompson, to the Presbytery of Hudson;

September 29, Rev. William M. Gay, to the Caledonia (Congregational) Association of Vermont.

Candidate dropped from the roll:

April 21, 1891, Charles H. Reinsberg, at his own request, as he had joined the Episcopal Church.

Deceased:

July 15, 1891, Rev. Ganet L. Roof, D. D., at Troy, N. Y., in the 90th year of his age.

Honorably retired:

September 29, 1891, Rev. George P. Tyler, D. D., and Rev. Andrew J. Fennel, D. D.

XXIX. THE PRESBYTERY OF UTICA consists of fifty ministers and forty-two churches, and has under its care four licentiates and eighteen candidates.

Ministers received:

April 14, 1891, Rev. George K. Fraser, from the Presbytery of Albany, and Rev. Charles W. Rice, from the Presbytery of Portsmouth;

April 15, Rev. David I. Biggar, from the Presbytery of Cayuga;

June 9, Rev. Edward C. Wiley, from the Presbytery of Geneva;

June 30, Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury, from the Presbytery of Jersey City;

September 29, Rev. C. Cotton Kimball, D. D., from the Suffolk West Association.

Licenses conferred and licentiates received:

April 15, 1891, Charles W. E. Chapin, Charles B. Augur, Samuel F. Emery;

June 9, received Walter Mitchell, by transfer, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.

Ordination:

August 18, 1891, Walter Mitchell.

Dissolution of pastoral relations:

November 17, 1890, between Rev. Israel N. Terry and the Church at New Hartford;

April 14, 1891, between Rev. Martin E. Grant and the Church at Verona;

June 30, between Rev. Barton W. Perry and the Churches of Norwich Corners and Litchfield.

Installations:

April 28, 1891, Rev. George K. Fraser, over the Cochran Memorial Church, Oneida Castle;

June 9, Rev. Edward C. Wiley, over the Church at Knoxboro;

June 17, Rev. Charles W. Rice, over the Church at Vernon;

June 30, Rev. Oliver A. Kingsbury, over the Church at New Hartford;

August 18, Rev. Walter Mitchell, over the Church at Verona.

Ministers dismissed:

March 2, 1891, Rev. Egbert C. Lawrence, to the Presbytery of Long Island, and Rev. George O. Phelps, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence;

April 14, Rev. Chester C. Thorne, to the Presbytery of Columbia;

June 30, Rev. Isaac O. Best, to the Presbytery of Albany, Rev. C. Otis Thatcher, to the Presbytery of St. Lawrence, and Rev. Barton W. Perry, to the Presbytery of Rochester.

Licentiate transferred:

June 9, 1891, Samuel F. Emery, to the Susquehanna Association.

Deceased:

April 20, 1891, at Clinton, N. Y., Rev. Henry Darling, D. D., LL. D., President of Hamilton College, aged 67 years.

Churches dissolved:

April 14, 1891, Ohio and Grant;

September 29, Elizabeth Street, Utica.

XXX. THE PRESBYTERY OF WESTCHESTER consists of sixty-one ministers and thirty-six churches, and has under its care seven licentiates and seven candidates.

Ministers received:

June 18, 1891, Rev. Anthony R. Macoubrey, D. D., from the Presbytery of East Florida;

October 7, Rev. William N. Ritchie, D. D., from the Presbytery of Philadelphia.

Candidates taken under the care of Presbytery:

January 20, 1891, Benjamin W. Labaree;

April 22, Henry R. White, from the Presbytery of New York, and George F. Danforth;

October 7, Edward Lambe Parsons.

Licenses conferred:

April 22, 1891, Henry R. White and Robert R. White.

Licentiates received:

April 22, 1891, Frederick J. Perkins, from the Worcester (Mass.) Central Association of Congregational Ministers;

October 7, Richard Henry Hughes, from the Arvon Presbytery of North Wales.

Ordinations:

June 9, 1891, Henry R. White;

June 16, Frederick J. Perkins;

June 18, George Cornwell.

Dissolution of pastoral relation:

October 11, 1891, between Rev. James H. Hoyt and the Bedford Church.

Installations:

November 6, 1890, Rev. George R. Cutting, over the Westminster Church of Yonkers, N. Y.;

March 19, 1891, Rev. Frederick A. M. Brown, D. D., over the First Church of New Haven, Conn.;

June 9, Rev. Henry R. White, over the Gilead Church, of Carmel, N. Y.

Ministers dismissed:

January 20, 1891, Rev. James G. Rodger, to the Edinburgh Presbytery of the Free Church of Scotland;

June 16, Rev. Addison K. Strong, D. D., to the Presbytery of Dayton;

June 18, Rev. Frederick J. Perkins, to the Presbytery of São Paulo, Brazil;

October 6, Rev. Charles H. Riggs, to the Presbytery of Albany;

October 6, Rev. Stanley K. Phraner, to the Presbytery of North Laos.

Deceased:

April 28, 1891, in New York City, Rev. Isaac S. Davison, aged 76 years.

SUMMARY.

Ministers.....	1,113	Licentiates.....	48
Churches.....	844	Candidates	162

NOTE.—In the Presbytery of Oroomiah, the ministers only (ten) are included in the Summary.

IV. ELMIRA COLLEGE.

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 1, 1891.

I. ASSETS.

Estimated value of College Grounds and Buildings proper.....	\$150,000.00
President's House and Grounds.....	8,000.00
Other Real Estate,.....	2,000.00
Observatory, Grounds, Buildings and Instruments.....	10,000.00
Library.....	5,000.00
Paintings, Studies, Casts, etc., in Art Department	5,000.00
Furniture.....	10,000.00
Musical Instruments.....	15,000.00
Educational Collections.....	5,000.00
New Music Building, the gift of Solomon L. Gillette, Esq.,	12,000.00
Total.....	<u>\$222,000.00</u>
Invested in Corporate Bonds and Bonds and Mortgages on Real Estate.....	102,900.00
Total.....	<u>\$324,900.00</u>
Less Bonded Debt.....	<u>34,500.00</u>
Balance.....	<u>\$290,400.00</u>

II. LIABILITIES.

Floating Debt.....	\$39,166.85
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III. EXPENDITURES.

Current Expenses for the year, interest, etc.....	\$44,545.31
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IV. REVENUE.

From Board and Tuition.....	\$29,763.38
From Term Bills due	1,500.00
From Interest on Investments.....	4,668.38
From Interest due to July 1, 1891.....	987.51
Amount in Bank.....	834.07
	<u>37,693.34</u>
Deficiency.....	<u>\$6,851.97</u>

NEWTON P. FASSETT,

ELMIRA, N. Y., October, 1891.

Treasurer.

2. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Term Expiring in 1892.

Alexander S. Diven,
Daniel R. Pratt,
Francis Hall,

Rev. J. Lovejoy Robertson,
Rev. George H. McKnight,
Mrs. Helen B. Turner.

Term Expiring in 1893.

Rev. Augustus W. Cowles, D. D.,
Rev. George C. Curtis, D. D.,
Rev. Isaac Jennings, D. D.,

Rev. Charles Van Norden,
Rev. Henry D. B. Mulford,
Warner Van Norden,
Mrs. Helen M. McWilliams.

Term Expiring in 1894.

John T. Rathbun,
John I. Nicks,
Newton P. Fassett,

Rev. Wilson Phraner, D. D.,
Seymour Dexter,
Hon. David C. Robinson.

3. BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

Term Expiring in 1892.—Rev. Charles C. Carr, Rev. Allen F. De Camp, Rev. George R. Smith.

Term Expiring in 1893.—Rev. A. Cameron McKenzie, Rev. James R. Robinson, Rev. Ninian B. Remick, D. D.

Term Expiring in 1894.—Rev. Samuel Dunham, Rev. Marcus N. Preston, Howard Elmer.

V. TRUSTEES OF THE SYNOD.

President: William Allen Butler, Esq., New York.

Secretary: Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Buffalo.

Treasurer: Warner Van Norden, Esq., Bank of North America, New York.

Legal Committee: William Allen Butler and Henry Day, Esqrs.

Term Expiring in 1892: Rev. George Alexander, D. D., Rev. Alfred H. Moment, D. D., Edward Wells, Warner Van Norden.

Term Expiring in 1893: Rev. Charles S. Robinson, D. D., Rev. Robert F. Sample, D. D., William A. Wheelock, Henry Day.

Term Expiring in 1894: Rev. Henry M. MacCracken, D. D., Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D. D., William Allen Butler, John C. Tucker.

Members Ex-Officio: Rev. Asa S. Fiske, Rev. T. Ralston Smith, D. D., Rev. J. Wilford Jacks.

VI. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS OF THE SYNOD.

	Name.	Presbytery.	Place.
1882.	Henry A. Nelson, D. D., <i>Convener</i>	Geneva.....	Utica.
1882.	Howard Crosby, D. D.....	New York.....	Utica.
1883.	James McLeod, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	New York.
1884.	John McC. Holmes, D. D.....	Albany.....	Buffalo.
1885.	L. Merrill Miller, D. D.....	St. Lawrence.....	Troy.
1886.	Joseph E. Nassau, D. D.....	Genesee.....	Elmira.
1887.	Charles C. Wallace, D. D.....	Boston.....	Auburn.
1888.	T. Ralston Smith, D. D.....	Buffalo.....	Syracuse.
1889.	Samuel Jessup, D. D.....	Utica.....	Poughkeepsie.
1890.	Andrew V. V. Raymond, D. D.....	Albany.....	Lockport.
1891.	Asa S. Fiske.....	Cayuga.....	Watertown.

VII. PERMANENT OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERIES.

• *Changes in Names and Addresses.*

- CAYUGA: Rev. Edward P. Sprague, D. D., *Stated Clerk*, Auburn.
 Rev. Erastus W. Twichell, *Treasurer*, Auburn,
 GENESEEE: Rev. John Wickes, *Treasurer*, Attica.
 HUDSON: Rev. David F. Bonner, *Stated Clerk*, Florida.
 NASSAU: Mr. Percy B. Bromfield, *Treasurer*, Hempstead.

VIII. EXTRACTS FROM THE STANDING RULES.

I.

The Annual Meeting of the Synod shall begin on the third Tuesday of October, at half-past seven o'clock P. M.

III.

Each Presbytery shall, at its stated meeting next preceding the meeting of the Synod, and if possible not later than two weeks before such meeting, elect the number of delegates to which it is entitled, together with an equal number of alternates, as prescribed by the organic rule under which the Synod is constituted, namely:

“The Synod of New York shall be composed of equal delegations of ministers and ruling elders from each Presbytery in the following proportion: each Presbytery, the number of whose ministers and churches taken together is not more than 14, shall send one minister and one elder; each Presbytery containing more than 14 and not more than 28 ministers and churches taken together, shall send two ministers and two elders; and

so in like proportion for every additional number of 14 ministers and churches taken together, or for the fraction thereof; *provided*, that no Presbytery shall be entitled to send more than ten ministers and ten elders."

IV.

The Stated Clerk of each Presbytery, immediately after the election, shall send to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a certified list of the delegates and alternate delegates chosen by the Presbytery to represent it at the Synod; and from these lists shall be made up the official roll.

At the calling of the roll at the opening session, the names of the principals who have thus been reported, or of alternates duly substituted, shall be included; but when alternate delegates appear in place of their principals, such delegates shall report in person privately to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, before their names shall be substituted upon the roll for those of their principals.

Duplicate lists of delegates and alternates shall be sent promptly by the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries to the Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements.

VII.

A complete roll of the ministers and churches of each Presbytery shall be sent by its Stated Clerk to the Stated Clerk of the Synod, at least ten days before the annual meeting.

VIII.

Each Presbytery, immediately after its Fall Stated Meeting, shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the Synod a Statistical Report and History of its Acts and Changes, for the year preceding, as required by the Form of Government, Chap. X, Sec. 9. These reports shall be printed in the Appendix to the Minutes.

XIV.

To provide for the necessary expenses of the Synod, the several Presbyteries shall furnish, annually, amounts proportioned respectively to the number of their communicants, according to a rate *per capita* determined at the previous meeting of the Synod. And if no action has been taken, the rate shall be six mills for each communicant.

These sums shall be due and payable to the Treasurer on the first of October, when the Synod's fiscal year shall terminate.

XVII.

The Minutes of the Synod shall be printed, under the direction of the Stated Clerk, as soon as practicable after the adjournment; and a copy shall be sent to every minister, to every elder whose name is on the roll of the Synod, and to the Session of each vacant church, within the bounds, severally, of those Presbyteries whose apportionments for Synodical expenses have been paid.

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